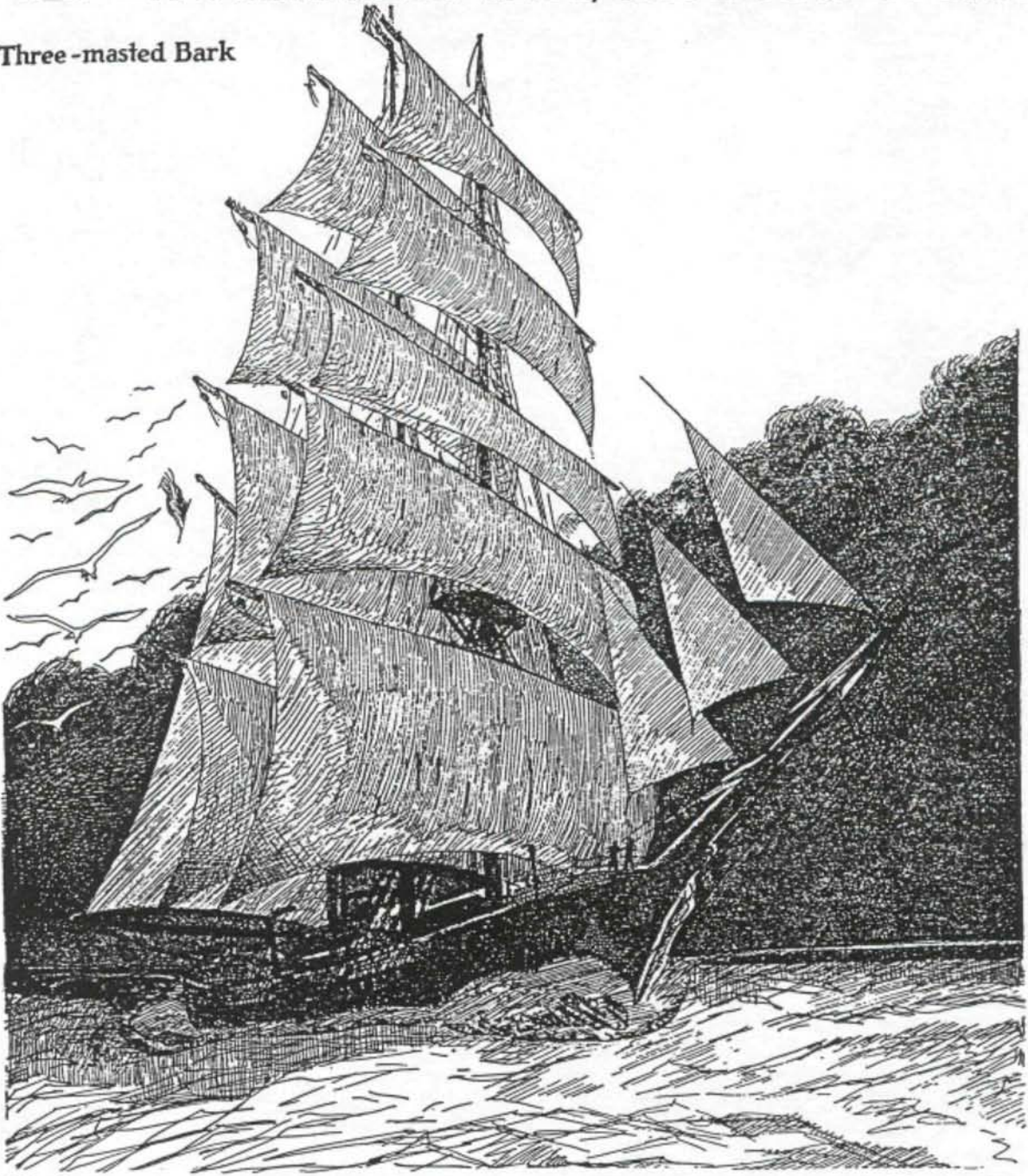




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Appetizers

Did Not Get Away with It



"Hawkins, the cook advises me that you were badly intoxicated last night and that you were trying to roll a barrel out of the basement. Can this be true?"

"Yes, my lord."

"And where was I during all that time?"

"In the barrel, my lord."

The Next Back Call

Collector—Hello there, young man. Is your mother or father home?

Little Jackie—They are both out and said for you to call again Friday.

Collector—H'm! And why on Friday, my little man?

Little Jackie—That's what I don't know, sir. We're moving Thursday.

Aviation Problems

It was in the spring. Their hearts beat as one. He took down the stove pipe and, behold, the chimney flue. Hardly had this happened before his wife saw the house fly. After that, the house was in an uproar for days at a time, until things settled down and the clothes were back on their hangars.

Hall but Halice

"What a big family you have, Mrs. Jones!" said the visitor in an English home.

"Yes'm. And the funny thing is that all the names begin with a haitch. There's 'Orace, 'Erbert, 'Enry, 'Ugh, 'Ubert, 'Arold, 'Arriet, and 'Etty—hall except the last one, and we 'ad 'er named Halice."

Keeps One Busy

"A fellow has to be a contortionist to get on these days," says a philosopher. "First he has to keep his back to the wall and his ear to the ground. Then he must put his shoulder to the wheel, his nose to the grindstone, keep a level head, and have both feet on the ground."

Same as in America

Answering a question put by his teacher, a British urchin replied, "The prevailing religion in England is hypocrisy."

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Death of the Spanish Republic



AMBROSE RATTI, generally known as Pope Pius XI,* head of the Italian Camorra operating out of Vatican City, succeeded before his death in destroying the Spanish Republic, after accomplishing similar work as respects the republics of Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Danzig. To his achievements may also be added the destruction of Ethiopia and the imminent destruction of China.

Make no mistake, the war in Spain originated with the pope. It was his war. The men he used to accomplish the ruin of Spain were all professed Catholics, as Juan March, Hitler, Mussolini, Daladier, and Franco, or were sympathetic with and in subservience to the Hierarchy, as is the case with Chamberlain and Roosevelt.

Franco used the Moors, traditional enemies of Spain, in accomplishing the ruin of the republic, and Franco had the pope's "blessing".

The pope made it plain on July 29, 1938, that there are no serious differences between himself and the Fascist dictators when he said:

Now there is someone who has affirmed that between Catholic Action and the Fascist party there is an unbridgeable doctrinal divergence. Big words are these, but crazy words.

A dispatch from Rome, published in the *London Catholic Herald* of July 22, 1938, stated:

The Press in the democratic countries is inclined to jump to somewhat exaggerated conclusions when the pope speaks out with force against certain

tendencies in Italian Fascism. "The pope condemns Fascism" headline of many English newspapers this week has caused much annoyance here [in Rome]. It is an entirely misleading interpretation of the Holy Father's words on "the curse of extreme nationalism".

According to Sir Peter Chalmers Mitchell, of Malaga, Spain:

The war in Spain is an attempt on the part of the people of Spain to defend the decencies of life, the possibilities of education and their hope for the future, which they have won at an election, from a violent and greedy set of Spanish oppressors who want to get all their old privileges back again. And these oppressors are backed by the might of German and Italian armies. To my mind, the Spanish people are fighting your battle and my battle for the freedom of humanity, and in their fight their greatest enemy has been the policy of Great Britain.

Testimony of Catholic Priests



Ramon Ugarte, Catholic priest, pastor of the parochial church of Santa Maria de San Sebastian, Spain, stated:

Our war [of the Spanish Republic to put down the Franco rebellion] is not a religious war nor an ideological war; it is a monstrous war imposed upon the Spanish worker by a bunch of traitors to their country, which they have sold shamefully to preserve their iniquitous privileges to exploit the people. Traitors and perjurers, vile assassins, Pharisees whom, if Jesus were to come again to the world, He would drive away from the Temple, not at the crack of the whip, but kicking them out!

*Judge Rutherford did not name Pope Pius XI personally in his address at London, September 11, 1938, and hence to his successor now applies the warning then given:

Today you stand before the judgment seat of Christ, the great Judge of the world. According to the undisputed facts you are convicted out of your own mouth, and the Lord's final judgment has been entered against you and you are going to die. (See the booklet *Face the Facts*, page 23.)

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"The Pope of Peace" was without compassion for Basques, Catalonians, Ethiopians, Chinese or the common people of any land, but was interested only in the maintenance of the most ungodly racket beneath the sun. There has been much palaver about his "saintliness", and his prospects of a place in heaven or "purgatory". He has none, and the world, though well rid of him, is no better off with his successor in office.

Another priest, Michael O'Flanagan, of Dublin, Ireland, upon his return from that war-racked land, said:

If a totalitarian state is one of the most hateful things in the world, a totalitarian church is more hateful still. The Church has often proved itself to be a very unreliable leader in political affairs.

Don José Bergamin, director of the Catholic review *Cruz y Raya*, summed up the Spanish situation as follows:

Cast your eyes for one moment on that tragic pyramid of grotesques: generals, bishops, Moors, Carlists in red berets—they are like some fantastic mumming-show of Death. They entrust the defense of their Spain to Moors and soldiers of the Foreign Legion, for they have no Spanish hands and bodies to defend themselves. This is the truth of Spain in these bloody hours. We are the Spaniards: they are a handful of traitors with some thousands of barbarian mercenaries at their command, with some weapons of war bought on credit out of the spoils to which they would reduce our land. And in these they put their trust, or rather their desperation. By such barbarians some of the dignitaries of our church seek to defend their impostures—dignitaries of the Church which they have taken from the people, which they have corrupted, prostituted, shamed with avarice and spotted with our blood, the blood of the Spanish people. Listen to this, if you are listening to me, unfaithful shepherds, traitors to Christ! You have placed in the barbarous hands of Legionaries and Moors the sacred vessels, the riches and treasure which you never offered to your people, the poor, the disinherited, the hungry. And you either give these things as sacrilegious booty, or to convert them into weapons dealing death to your people and your flock. I know you well, bishops who dabble in politics, who chatter of politics. Listen well; for this is an accusation which I make. You, the dignitaries of the Spanish church, have betrayed that church, and have robbed the people!

In the year 1928 there were 32,004 priests in Spain. In 1936 the "Rebels" asserted that 17,500 of them had been slain. Later Cardinal Goma said the number slain was more than 10,000. In the last pastoral letter of the Spanish bishops they stated that the number slain was 6,000, and the facts show that most of these (possibly an actual 3,000) were slain while fighting as common soldiers against the government, the object of their conspiracy.

Earth's Most Gifted Liars



The *Osservatore Romano*, organ of the Vatican, cheerfully said,

In Teruel, twenty-seven of the sixty-five priests on January sixth [1938] were murdered by Communists.

And then the Spanish Republic supplied the information that four of the number were being held in officers' quarters in Barcelona, twenty-two were held in the military barracks in Valencia, and the twenty-seventh had died in a military hospital. The only reason that any of the priests were confined was their illegal activities against the state.

Giving the lie to the oft-repeated stories of persecutions of priests in the Spanish Republic, the New York *Herald-Tribune* carried a dispatch from Barcelona, the then capital, that on October 17 priests walked the streets in robes and the other funny-looking things they like to wear, while the people in general tipped their hats and soldiers gave the military salute. But so long as there was any chance of a victory for Franco, the Hierarchy continued to send out stories of persecution, so as to get the public sympathy necessary to the continuation of their racket.

On July 22, 1938, 28 Spanish nuns landed in England after being in Madrid and Barcelona for over two years of the civil war. They denied that they had suffered any special hardships or ill treatment on account of being nuns.

It was the intention of the Spanish Republic that, in the event of final success for the Loyalists, Spain should become a refuge for the oppressed of German lands, whether Catholic, Protestant or Jewish, and a proclamation to that effect was issued. What a rebuke this was to the murderers, liars and traitors that brought about the defeat and destruction of the republic and dashed the hopes of the Spanish people for better conditions to the ground!

The Loyalist government of Spain carefully protected Spanish art treasures, many of them of ecclesiastical significance. Arrangements were made with the League to hold these in safekeeping until the conclusion of the war.



Lawrence Fernsworth, American newspaper correspondent in Spain, showed further the good intentions of the government:

This brings us to the religious phase of the situation here. A great deal of poison has been spread abroad in an effort to make people believe that this is an anti-God government having as one of its main purposes the crushing of religion. Sectarian periodicals have published and repeated that "the government has liquidated the priests". I have gone deeply into the facts—they would affect me profoundly if they were true. But I find no evidence to support the charges.

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In Barcelona today there are living some 2,000 priests, in Madrid some 900, in other cities and towns others in proportion. I know of anarchists who saved the lives of priests, and I know of atheists who sheltered priests in their homes to guard them from harm. All this contrasts oddly with the statements that "not one priest remains in Madrid", or in Barcelona or some other city, as the case may be.

I am told by an investigator, himself a Catholic priest, that not more than 80 priests were killed in Madrid. That is bad enough, but they are only a fraction of many others who suffered in those days of turbulence and chaos. Those sworn to uphold the government and law and order abandoned it, turned traitors, and for some months anarchic disorder reigned until the government, fighting for its life at Madrid, could establish law and order again, as now it has done. That is the long and short of it.

The government has offered every facility for the re-establishment of religious worship. Protestant churches have been open for months; Catholic churches have not opened except for some chapels, particularly one in Barcelona, which is freely open to the public.

The government has gone strictly upon the theory that since there exists a constitutional separation of Church and State, it is not for the government to open churches. Catholics, if they wish their services, must open their own churches and the government will protect them. But the sad fact must be recorded that Catholics have not yet opened churches because of systematic obstruction on the part of the clergy.

Few, if any, are sympathetic to the government even though receiving its protection. Most of them are waiting for the arrival of Franco. "They are more interested in having a pretext for murmuring against the government than in accepting its protection and good will," one of the priests loyal to the government told me.

These priests still take the view, as manifested by the bishop of Teruel at the time of his capture, that this is a "holy war", in which the main issue is the church. It has been one of the great misfortunes of Spain that the church has insisted upon making itself the main issue.

And Pedro Lecuona, minister counselor, Spanish embassy, Washington, D. C., stated:

It would be interesting to know whether Mgr. Antoniutti knows that Franco has shot 13 priests, imprisoned 117, and exiled 135 in the Basque country; that the bishops in the Rebel zone do not raise their arms to bestow benedictions but to make the Fascist salute; that they celebrate mass on altars in which instead of having a holy image, they have the arrows of the Spanish Fascist emblem (the veracity of this can be proved with photographs); that on the altars of certain churches of San Sebastian and Bilbao there are to be found large portraits of Franco; that the parish priests

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of the Basque country have informed the Vatican that the people remain absent from church as a protest against the attitude adopted by the greater part of the Hierarchy toward the Spanish civil war; that there are many, many Mohammedans who Franco claims are fighting for the Catholic religion.

The New Orleans *Tribune* of January 21, 1939, carried an article by Roy Mouton, who served in Spain as a volunteer, in which he says:

The most lying kind of propaganda has been launched against the Spanish people. I am a Catholic; I went to mass over and over again. There is no interference with the church. And all of that cry about "Communism" is a smoke-screen.



No attempt will be made here to review all the events of the Spanish Civil War. Mention is made only of some of the more recent engagements.

During the siege of Madrid not only were the 1,300,000 inhabitants supplied with sufficient food, but 3,000 babies were born. The road to Valencia was kept open and supplies continued to arrive.

Many wonder how the Spanish Republic, cut in half by Franco's army, could have continued to function as long as it did. Mails were carried between the two parts by submarine. Steamship and air-mail service were also maintained. Only the railway and highway communications were cut.

In the assault on Teruel, 400 Fascist airplanes staged the world's greatest air battle. The German and Italian planes used were described as new ones, spreading death and destruction for all the daylight hours, and dumping 1,500-pound aerial torpedoes on their objectives below. The destruction spread to villages fifteen miles behind the battle front.

A British commission which examined the city of Alicante after a series of air raids by the rebel forces found that eighty bombs had been dropped within a certain time, but not one of these fell within a quarter of a mile of any military objective and that the only conclusion possible is that the raids were deliberate attacks upon civilians or else were conducted by persons unskilled in air raids, which is doubtful.

Spanish Rebel General Yague made an address at Lerida, Spain, in which he complimented the courage of the Spanish Loyalist soldiers and said that the German and Italian soldiers in the Rebel ranks conducted themselves like birds of prey. He thought that per-

haps some day a reunited Spanish people would fight both the Germans and Italians.

Protestants pressed the pope to say something to Franco deploring the bombing of civilians in Spain, but it must have been understood between them that what he then said was to go in one ear and out of the other; for it had not the least effect.

The Massacres of Majorca



In a new book by Georges Bernanos, a French Catholic writer, he tells of his experiences on the island of Majorca: how he greeted the arrival of the first Italian airplane without displeasure, but how, finally, his eyes were opened to the horrors of Fascism as he saw the mass executions, 3,000 in a few months, in a small island, with a peaceful agricultural population who had never had much to do with politics. He declares that all suspects were dragged out of their houses at night and massacred; not a sick or wounded person was spared; sometimes the massacres took place in the presence of a priest; appearances were carefully preserved; no one was allowed to wear mourning; no shops were closed.

The New York Times, in its issue of January 19, carried a dispatch in which it is stated that refugees, gathered in the main square of Santa Coloma de Queralt, were machine-gunned by Franco's men. The town was subsequently recaptured by the Loyalists and so the truth got out.

October 7, 1938, to get a good name for himself, Franco caused 345,000 packets of cigarettes and 250 tons of bread to be dropped on Barcelona and Madrid. He hoped thereby to weaken the resistance of these two important centers of Loyalist Spain. The day previous he had dropped 2,500 pounds of high-explosive bombs on Palamos and four incendiary bombs. The Loyalist government reciprocated the bread and cigarette maneuver by dropping tons of stockings, shirts and other wearing apparel in Burgos.

The *Dépêche de Toulouse*, one of the most influential newspapers in France, reported that Franco sent enormous quantities of American wheat to Germany in exchange for munitions. The wheat had been contributed by charitable societies.

In fourteen months Valencia was bombed with something more substantial than bread 460 times, during which bombings 3,000 per-

sons were killed and more than twice that many wounded.

2,000 Air Raids on Barcelona



During the course of the war Barcelona was subjected to some 2,000 air raids, in which tens of thousands of bombs were dropped on the city. Hundreds of men, women and children were killed, and thousands seriously injured. Over a thousand buildings were destroyed.

After the capture of Barcelona the rebel conquerors celebrated an outdoor victory mass in the city.

There was great rejoicing at Rome over the Barcelona victory of the "Spanish rebels". The former king and queen of Spain, whose marriage, after many years of married life, was declared void by the pope, were there at a "solemn mass", and so was Vladimir Ledochowsky, superior general of the Jesuits. Just a "coincidence", of course.

Jerry J. O'Connell, liberty-loving representative from Montana, wanted justice done for Spain. Although O'Connell is a Roman Catholic, and even though his meeting was picketed by Catholics hostile to his stand, he boldly addressed 6,500 people at Pittsburgh, protesting against the Spanish embargo.

The embargo against the Spanish Republic would have been lifted early in May, and the agreement to do so had already been formed by Secretary Hull and his advisers, when word came from Roosevelt, then fishing in the Caribbean, to wait until he got back. It seems that the Roman Hierarchy turned the heat on him and, as usual, he went along with the great enemy of democracy.

Bringing Hypocrisy into the Open



Bringing the hypocrisy of the so-called "Non-Intervention" powers into the open, the prime minister of Spain, Dr. Negrin, announced at the League of Nations that the Spanish Republican Government had ordered the immediate withdrawal of all non-Spanish combatants fighting on the Government side, and asked for the immediate appointment of an international commission by the League of Nations to see that this was done. The very same paper that announced this courageous stand also announced that Italy was sending fresh troops to Franco. Negrin claims that if the Moors, Italians and

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Germans had been withdrawn from Spain the Republicans could have re-established order in three weeks.

The United States may send munitions to any country that needs them, except Spain. The reason it could not send them to Spain was that it would offend the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, which is the power behind the Franco-Moorish-German-Italian attack. Mexico has no such scruples and recently filled a ship full of munitions for the Spanish Republic, and followed that with a large order of munitions for Mexico, placed with makers in the United States. Miss Dorothy Thompson, noted columnist, said:

A legitimate, friendly government has the right to buy from us in the markets of the world whatever she needs for her defense against rebellion. That is a principle of international practice which the American government has stood for from the beginning of her history. Our historic tradition has been on the side of not only selling arms to friendly governments, but of preventing arms' going to rebels against which such friendly governments were struggling.

Italian Non(?)-Intervention



General Ambroglio Barlatti, in *Il Mediterraneo*, explained Italy's interest in the Spanish Civil War, when he said:

It is time that the Spanish war be recognized as a continuation of the Abyssinian campaign. We must impose our influence on the Spaniards so that the Mediterranean may become the Italian lake of which Mussolini has spoken.

In view of the fact that Italy was officially at peace with Spain, it was rather interesting that the Italian government published the information that since the war began in Spain Italian fliers shot down 580 airplanes. In April, 1938, the Italian fliers dropped 291 tons of explosives on their Spanish neighbors; in May, 431 tons; and in June, 719 tons. The Italian government was one of the governments on the Non-Intervention Committee, supposed to be struggling to bring about peace in Spain.

When the Spanish Government reported the return to Italy of 10,000 Italian soldiers and the immediate replacement of 4,549 sent to Spain in 16 ships, details of the names of the ships and the number of men on each ship were given. The Republic estimated that after this exchange the Italians still had in Spain 900 pilots, 2,000 aviation mechanics, 10,000 chauffeurs, 5,000 engineers, 10,000 la-

borers, 2,000 secret police, 1,000 army service men, and 60,000 soldiers, making in all about 91,000 men. [Condensed from a Barcelona dispatch by Herbert L. Matthews in the *New York Times*.]

Up to the fall of Barcelona 2,928 out of some 50,000 Italian soldiers in Spain had been killed. Undoubtedly Mussolini expects that his investment of men and money in Spain is going to yield returns to Italy that will justify the lavish expenditures. The rebel victory undoubtedly increases Italian prestige and power considerably. British statesmen, however, continue to hope that they will be able to offset Mussolini's influence in Spain by means of loans to Franco, who will not be in position to ignore Britain.

Pope Rejoiced to See Ruin



Pius XI, foreseeing the ruin of the Spanish Republic when the Anglo-Italian deal was made, said, "God be praised," when Pacelli told him about it.

The Manchester *Guardian*, seeing that there had been no square deal intended for Spain, said:

It is two years since the foreign invasion of Spain began. It has taken that time for the Powers to produce even a paper scheme that might give the Spanish Government not a square deal, for nothing so absurd is contemplated, but a deal less crooked than that which has brought it within sight of defeat.

Franco the Butcher discloses the heart of Fascism (Catholic Action) in his rulings regarding education. His so-called "minister of education" closed fifty high schools in the territory under his control, giving as a reason the following strictly Papal principle:

The people are better off without education. It unfits them for their destiny as peasants and workers.

That is rich, for a "minister of education". And it shows what must inevitably happen in any land that comes under Fascist control. There will be a drying-up of all sources of information for the common people. This drying-up is actually under way in the United States today, when children are driven away from the public school because they refuse to worship the flag, and when the Roman Catholic Hierarchy conspires to keep Judge Rutherford off the air, and when the newspapers and the movies are so polluted with superstitious Roman Catholic rot that they can hardly be seen without nausea. The

prophet saw this day coming when he said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."—Hosea 4:6.

With respect to Franco's tentative government setup John V. Hinkel, in the New York *Times* of September 5, 1938, says:

In its setup the government appears to be totalitarian. Freedom of speech and of the press is curtailed under it; commerce and industry are strictly supervised; no political opposition—particularly from the Left—is countenanced; the people are mildly regimented, and there are other earmarks. As perhaps the most influential non-government personage in Nationalist Spain, Cardinal Goma y Tomas, head of the Spanish hierarchy, commands a great deal of respect and attention. The cardinal told the writer that "the spirit of the laws promulgated thus far by the Nationalist government is in complete harmony with the teachings of the church".

That the traitorous Spanish rebel setup is backed by the Hierarchy to the limit is indicated in *The Register*, Catholic paper of central California, of August 21, 1938:

Nearly 900 cardinals, archbishops and bishops throughout the world have written letters to Cardinal Goma, primate of Spain, which appear in the book being issued at Burgos, showing the sympathy of world Catholics with the Nationalist cause. Included are collective letters of sympathy from the Hierarchies of the United States, Canada, Britain, Mexico, and other countries. With Vatican approval, the book is being published as a sequel to the 1937 Pastoral Letter of the Spanish Hierarchy.

How things will go is shown by the fact that Franco had a formal inauguration of his régime at Burgos, Spain, December 2, 1937, in which he was enthroned beneath the old-time arms of King Alphonso's Spain. He was sworn in with religious rites. The exercises took place in the Roman Catholic church of Huelgas.

The Franco tribunal at Bilbao sentenced

Dr. Pedro Lozano, director of the hospital of Durango, to eleven years' penal servitude because he continued to look after the patients when the Loyalist forces were in Durango.

"The Butcher"



Franco admits he has a card file of some 2,000,000 persons many of whom will be put to death and the others sentenced to penal servitude.

He announced that he will not tolerate any other "Christian religion" in Spain than the Catholic religion. He concluded a treaty with Hitler.

Franco will absolutely control the press in Fascist Spain. Orders issued by him regulate the number of papers and reporters and make the newspaper a department of the government, subject to it in every detail.

Cardinal Goma, chief representative of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in Spain, fully approves Franco's course of action. He said:

A régime of perfect accord between the Church and the State must be established, since the former must intervene on many issues. I am happy to be able to tell you that up to now we are in complete agreement with the Nationalist government, which, on the other hand, never takes a step without consulting me and obeying me. The representative of the minister of justice will bear me out in that.

Jacinte Benavente, Spain's greatest living writer and Nobel prize winner, points out the connection between Fascism and the Inquisition, and shows that no good may be hoped for with the Hierarchy in control.

I have never hesitated. From the very first moment I put myself on the side of the victim against the hangman, and I will continue fighting on the side of the people until the end. Fascism, I am sure, is the bloody child of the Inquisition. It takes possession of labor to exploit it; of heroism to debase it; of glory to soil it; of thought to prostitute it.

Double-crossing America and Spain



IN READING your magazine I have come to the conclusion that it represents one of the greatest weapons against Fascism in this nation. Such a weapon is badly needed, and should be made as far as possible the medium of the freedom-loving Americans for the expression of their opinions.

The majority of the nation's press have

steadily veered toward the pro-Fascist elements. But this is not always because of any desire or ulterior motive. We must realize that a publisher is in business for profit. Suppose for a moment that you are such a publisher. You receive, in one week, ten letters upholding democracy and two hundred claiming to, but really upholding Fascism. You know these are pro-Fascist letters, and you refuse to let

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a campaign of this kind bother you. But week after week the stream continues, heaping abuse upon you for not reflecting the true sentiments of the reading public. You begin to veer. The apologists for Fascism take heart and redouble their efforts. You keep on veering, until you reach the stage where you are afraid to let anyone speak to the contrary, no matter how reasonable the arguments.

That, my friend, is the application of an old principle; it was popularized and made easy by Hitler. I let Herr Hitler speak for himself (quoted from *Mein Kampf*): "Any statement, carefully and patiently repeated, becomes a truth. Any people, if subjected to a clever and persistent course of propaganda, can be made to think that heaven is hell, and that a life of misery is heaven on earth." Such a campaign is now being launched, has in fact been launched for some time, in the United States. Editors are being subjected to propaganda, largely unseen by the public. Most of the names behind this propaganda have a strangely similar ring: Conway, Halloran, Murphy, O'Brien, O'Reilly, O'Connell — O'WhoNot?

The similarity in names is in itself an evidence of collusion. But this collusion is further testified by the fact that from week to week the arguments are altered, and all of them in precisely the same manner. The arguments, accusations and charges are varied precisely as the official publications of the pro-Fascist groups are varied. This week you will see that the Spanish elections of 1936 were falsified. Next week you will see a special feature of the villainous "Reds" infiltrating into the now legal government and Paul Revere Franco riding to save the honor of 133,000 officers and 25,000 men, not to mention the royal family. Next you see Franco in a thrilling serial: in the first part he is a retiring family man with great responsibility thrust upon him; in the second he is suddenly a great leader ruthlessly facing the necessity of killing (there seems to be part of a reel missing right there) and rallying all the forces of good to save Spain; the third part shows him stemming the tide of "Red" legions, killing 285,000 out of an original 30,000 (how the rabble does multiply!); the fourth part reveals that he planned it all the time, not against the government, but against those who sought to undermine the government; and that he really would not have stemmed the tide if it had not been for the kindly efforts of loyal

men of the faith throughout the world, whose great work has changed a hostile press to a sympathetic one (yes, they admit it).

When this campaign touches on the wounded men returning from Spain it reaches the depths of hatred. We were told of this hatred when we left Spain, warned that our every word would be misquoted and that we would not be allowed to find here a haven of peace. We knew that we would have to continue living that war, because we know what Fascism is. The veterans are ridiculed, prevented from speaking at public meetings, charged with being Communists in order to discredit their testimony. They are the objects of hatred, prejudice, conniving, conspiracy, slander and libel.

What the friends of Fascism do not realize is this: The men who fought for the liberty of the Spanish people have learned courage and iron discipline. At Jarama they fell in windrows before the attack of tanks and planes, but those who lived gave Franco his first great defeat. From Brihuega they retreated all the way to Guadalajara, then turned to drive the Italian blackshirts thirty kilometers and capture an entire brigade of men. At Caspe they counterattacked without artillery and with their own troops retreating on all sides; they were cited as having, in that action, saved the life of the Catalonian Republic. Those who live are welded into an everlasting brotherhood, a brotherhood tried in fire and pledged to die if necessary in defense of democracy. They are a powerful force for good, because they have learned the essential qualities of leadership and intelligent thinking. They will fight in good faith with anyone for the preservation of human rights and principles.

If the readers of your magazine want to protect their own rights and guarantee free speech to others who want freedom, they can do nothing better than to write to their local newspapers and the national magazines. They must meet the threat of the pro-Fascist forces by using the weapon used by those forces. If those who love democracy and tolerance will only make their presence felt, if they will broach the subject freely to the editors and demand a hearing, some of the press will eventually be open to their point of view. They must exercise unceasing vigilance against the usurping of the freedom of the press through clever conspiracy.—Norman Hawkins, South Dakota.

United States Air Pilot Requirements



FLYING in the United States is regulated by the new Civil Aeronautics Authority, and flyers are examined by inspectors of the Bureau. The flyers' law is the "Civil Air Regulations", referred to as CAR, and issued by the secretary. These regulations are exacting and voluminous, covering every phase of private and commercial flying activity.

A written examination on CAR must be passed by applicants for pilot ratings before flight tests are given; therefore the regulations have to be studied in detail.

Pilots receive ratings according to ability, which is governed by the number of hours spent in the air, at the controls, and by the weight of the aircraft flown. The greater the weight, the more skill required, and hence the better the rating.

Some pilot ratings are: "Student, Solo, Private, Limited Commercial, Commercial, Instructor, Instrument, Glider and Airline."

Types of aircraft are land, sea, single-engine and multi-engine, which types are listed on a pilot's certificate and to which type the pilot is limited.

In detail, some of the requirements for a "Private" are that the applicant read, write and speak English, be twenty-one years of age, pass satisfactorily a physical examination before a doctor or doctors appointed by the Bureau, which doctors issue a Student certificate. This physical examination must be submitted to once each year and also after a confining illness or serious injury.

A minimum of eight hours of dual flight instruction must be taken before a student is permitted to make his first solo hop.

Next, have thirty-five hours of solo time, which must include practice in maneuvers and five hours of cross-country flying. In a log-book the date of flight, time, number of plane, type of plane and engine, and a notation of any damage, if such should occur, must be recorded. This log must be signed by the pilot and attested by a notary public before being submitted to an inspector with an application for the desired rating, which application must also be notarized.

Two identical photographs, showing head and shoulders, definitely one and one-half by two inches in dimensions, must be provided.

A written examination is then taken on

the air traffic rules, meteorology and navigation, which examination successfully passed opens the way for the actual flight test on aeronautical skill. For this test the applicant is required to furnish an airworthy ship of the type required for the rating or weight classification.

If the applicant has a solo rating and his flight test meets with the approval of the inspector, he immediately receives a temporary "Certificate of Competency". This is followed sometime later, through the mail, by a permanent certificate and identification card. On the certificate is specified the weight classification and type, land or sea, single or multi-engine, to which the pilot is limited. The certificate bears a permanent number and, for a Private rating, has to be renewed yearly.

Renewal of a certificate is accomplished by the pilot's submitting to physical examination and showing his application for renewal, with certified logbook, to a Bureau inspector. This is for the purpose of proving that the pilot has met the yearly requirements, in flying hours, to hold each rating on each type of aircraft.

Pilot certificates have been issued to the number of more than forty-four thousand.

Commercial and special ratings are relatively harder to earn than a Private. Private pilot privileges are that he may carry persons or property; but not for hire. He may also earn an Instructor rating after two hundred hours flying time at the controls.

The physical requirements, and especially that of vision, are very rigid, and must necessarily be so, due to the responsibility and strain of an active pilot's life.

It is a common practice for student pilots to rent planes; and average rates for the light or cheaper type, those under 1,000 pounds, are \$10 an hour for instruction and \$6 an hour for solo time, gas and oil furnished.

Aircraft must be inspected regularly and carry a "Certificate of Airworthiness".

Flying is an art; therefore the yearly requirements as to time in the air are necessary to insure that the pilot's skill is adequate to his trust. An airman flies by feel; which means that through the relative sensitiveness of the controls he knows when the plane is, or is not, in a safe attitude of flight.—Herbert E. Jenkins, New York.

Other Flying Creatures

Something About Geese



Geese are valuable for their eggs, their feathers and down, and their flesh, 80 percent of which is edible. Feathers and down are used for stuffing pillows and mattresses, particularly in Europe. Goose feathers are also used to adorn hats. Geese kept especially for their plumage are plucked four or five times a year. They probably do not enjoy being plucked!

Geese sometimes produce two broods of young in a season, there being about ten young in a brood. They may be eaten three months after they leave the shell.

The liver of a fat goose is often very large, larger, in fact, than all the other viscera or "innards". By special feeding the liver can be made abnormally large. When this is done the object is to use the liver for the making of the well-known *pâté de foie gras* for which Strasbourg, France, is famous, although it doubtless has other claims to distinction.

Farmers in the United States often breed the Gray Toulouse goose. These mature late and are sometimes called "Christmas" geese. They are good egg-layers, though their flesh is not as good as that of some other geese.

The most profitable geese to keep, from the standpoint of many raisers, are the Gray African geese, which are long-necked and tall, and large-headed. They have a large knob on the base of their bills and are of a gray color, which is darkest on their backs. They are ready for market in a shorter time than most other geese, and do not require a great deal of labor and time to bring to maturity. They are good layers and have a fine-flavored flesh.

The so-called "Chinese geese" are good, too. They are small and graceful and come in white and brown varieties, lay well, and taste good, when cooked.

Mockingbird in Milwaukee?

◆ For ten years we have been feeding birds and squirrels, each year receiving new and greater thrills.

A large covered feeding station, well up off the ground, of which two sides are protected by glass and provided with perches, is the center of most of our activity. The menu consists of sunflower seeds, peanuts, chick feed, bread and cake crumbs, puddings made of

melted suet combined with yellow cornmeal and bird gravel, and for an occasional treat we tie doughnuts in the tree branches.

Each morning, gathered around our porch with unfailing regularity, are nine of the very fattest peanut-fed squirrels imaginable and a number of little red squirrels.

The bird population at this time includes juncos, nuthatches, downy and hairy woodpeckers, a pair of cardinals, bluejays, chickadees, an occasional pheasant, three crows (who in extremely cold weather overcome their wariness) and, almost unbelievable, a mockingbird. Whence he came no one seems to know.

Considered almost strictly a southern bird and not migratory, his identity puzzled us. Somewhat darker in color than they usually are, we could scarcely believe we had such a prize until a number of persons who thoroughly understand the study of birds viewed him and positively identified him as a mockingbird, although his powers of ventriloquism should have convinced us before.

Having been here all winter, through the many changes of weather, dependent on us for food, he has become very tame, submitting to close scrutiny with binoculars and calmly concentrating upon his food while people stand within a few feet of the feeding station, so certain is he that he has found sanctuary.

Thrill of thrills, shortly before last week's storm when it was almost as black as night, he burst into as magnificent a song as I have ever heard, thus more surely establishing his identity.

For greater joy, let's have more sanctuaries for birds. When the ground is covered with ice and snow, scatter a few crumbs. The results will amply compensate the effort.—Mrs. W. F. Jackson, in *Milwaukee Journal*.

Lighthouses Cause Death of Birds

◆ The powerful lights of lighthouses along the New England coast cause the death of thousands of birds each year. They fly against the thick lenses and are killed or fall stunned into the sea.

Shamming Death

◆ The land rail and water rail sham death when in danger, seeking thereby to avoid detection or interest on the part of their enemy.



The Magistrate of Umtali



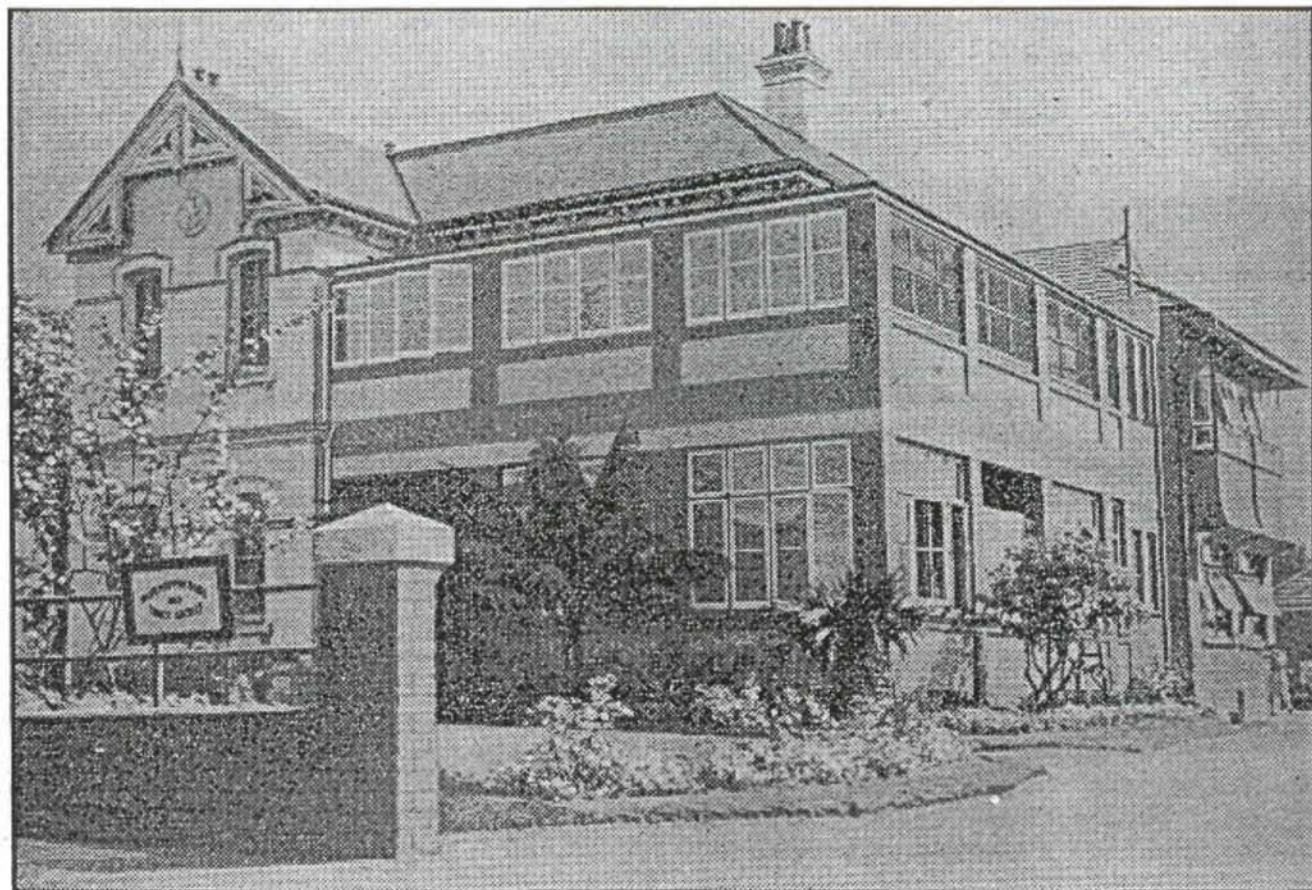
The magistrate of Umtali, near Salisbury, South Africa, must certainly be anxious to please somebody. He fined one of Jehovah's witnesses £10, or two months' imprisonment at hard labor, for receiving a contribution of the exact cost of one *Riches* book, which book he delivered. When the case got to the High Court Mr. Justice Lewis quashed the conviction and sentence; but one can but wonder at the first magistrate's cast of mind that would lead him to do such a great injustice as he attempted to perform toward witness Chirochino.

Convention in Lagos

♦ The *Nigerian Daily Times*, Lagos, Nigeria, contains the equivalent of four columns of news about the convention of over 300 of Jehovah's witnesses held in that West African city. Two of the conventioners traveled over 500 miles on bicycle to attend. "Sandwich boards" were used to advertise the public meeting. It was a great blessing to the conventioners to hear Judge Rutherford's lectures by phonograph in their own native tongue, Yoruba. There were 800 at the public lecture; 63 of whom were immersed. Some 3,000 pamphlets in Yoruba were placed in the hands of the people, and more would have been put out except for a heavy downpour characteristic of that part of the world. What a blessing to see the message of Jehovah's kingdom, man's only hope, being widely spread over all Africa and over all the civilized world!

Utter Stupidity in Lying

♦ Jehovah's witnesses know that Judge Rutherford lectured to 25,000 people at Sydney,



Branch office of WATCH TOWER at Sydney, Australia

Australia. The Roman Hierarchy tried to prevent that, but failed. It then printed and circulated in *The Register* (its boilerplate weekly, issued at various places) the lie under the double heading "Rutherford's Visit to Australia Total Failure". That was bad enough. Then one of the Hierarchy's dupes went to one of Jehovah's witnesses doing business in a Pennsylvania city and tried to get him to put in his store window a card upon which he had mounted *The Register's* lie. To try to put the lie over he stated that it had been published in the *Boston Free Press*. And inasmuch as it so happens that there is no paper of that name in Boston, the triple lie was triply stupid—like the Hierarchy every way.

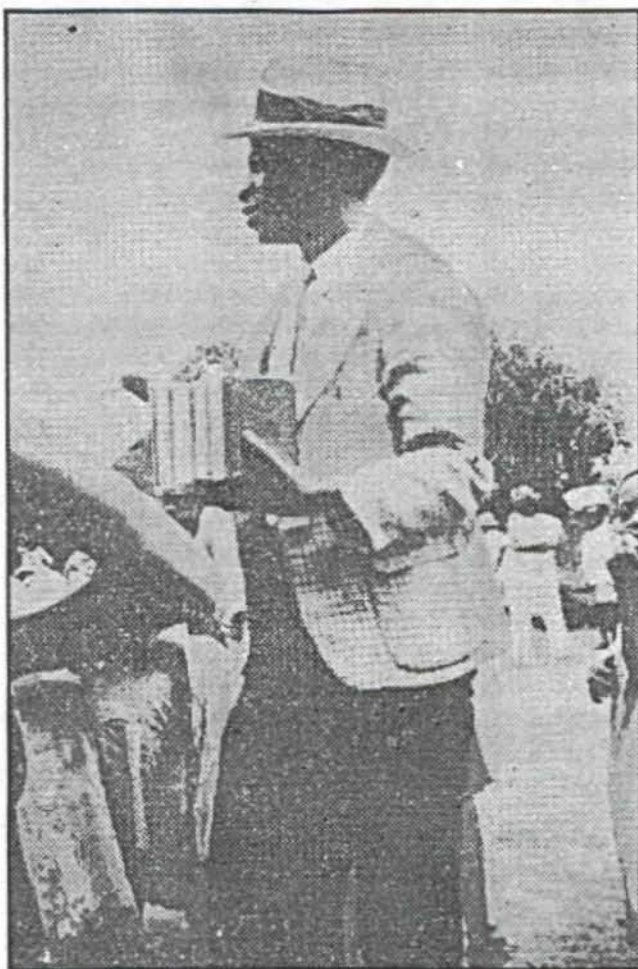
"Most Reverend"

Simonds Fibbed

◆ The "Most Reverend" J. D. Simonds, Roman Catholic archbishop of Hobart, Tasmania, made an address in which he set forth the complete misinformation that—

In such predominantly Catholic places as the Irish Free State, Quebec, Malta, Belgium, Poland,

Austria, Hungary, and also in Switzerland and Holland where Catholics formed a very large proportion of the population complete freedom in education and politics was given to the non-Catholic minority.



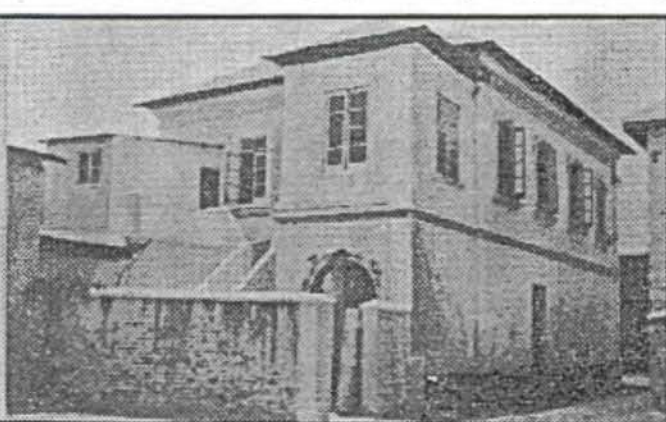
Pioneering in Nigeria, West Africa

This picture was taken while I was witnessing to the Kingdom in Jos. At this place I was sent for by the commissioner of police, who asked me many questions, and, after my

The statement is most untrue, as Jehovah's witnesses have experienced the most bigoted intolerance, persecution, arrest and imprisonment in almost every one of the countries named, particularly in Irish Free State, Quebec, Austria, Hungary and Switzerland.

Pioneering in Nigeria

◆ I am very grateful to Jehovah for the revealing of this wonderful truth, through Jesus Christ. I am joyfully carrying along the Lord's work in spite of all opposition of Satan's earthly agents in this part of Northern Province of Nigeria. I enclose here a picture of myself, as I was instructed to do by the branch office in Lagos.



Jehovah's Kingdom publishers and WATCH TOWER branch office at Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa
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answering all, he said, "You can go, but don't run other churches down." Then I told him that I will merely tell the people that "hell" and "purgatory" are not places of punishment according to the Bible.

After many days I traveled to Makurdi, where I was again marched up to the commissioner of police. He also propounded many questions about the witness work and our method of living. After answering him he presented me with one shilling and told me to continue along.—Peter Otudo, Pioneer.

A Squawk from Chile



THE JOURNEY*

A courageous publication which cannot and must not keep quiet, because it cannot lie.

Chañaral (Chile) October 1, 1938

PROPAGANDIST

WARNING TO CATHOLICS

There has arrived in this port a certain young lady with a German passport, who very insistently goes about offering books of partly Protestant and partly Atheist propaganda. The Investigation Bureau cited her on suspicion of espionage. She has been left free.

Catholics are warned that the books offered by this propagandist are all condemned by ecclesiastical authority.

October 8, 1938

PROPAGANDIST

WARNING TO CATHOLICS

A certain damsel with Israelitish features, apparently German, and who refused to give us her name, appeared in our editorial office to tell us that she felt she had been referred to in a paragraph appearing in one of our former issues and which bore the same heading as this. She told us she is not a propagandist; she gave a somewhat strange reason, to wit, that the books she offered were sold for less than it cost to make them, which, naturally, is not easy to prove to any of us; and, besides, whether she gains or loses does not alter the matter in any way. She also said that she had not been called to the Investigations Bureau under suspicion of espionage; so the agents had told her. She finally declared that the books she was propagating were ANTI-RELIGIOUS, that is, are directed against all religion.

The Catholics knew that already.

* Translated from the Spanish.

Kingdom News

◆ When Jesus was on earth He taught His disciples to pray, 'Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. . . .' Indeed, the kingdom of heaven constituted the chief theme of Jesus' ministry on earth. It was a strange doctrine to the Jew religionists whose allegiance belonged to the Romans. It was an incomprehensible Utopia where men dwell together in peace and contentment; where wars and famine are unknown and men love their fellow creatures even as themselves; where hatred and ill will are not to be found and God's will is the law supreme. A kingdom where men are never sick and one need never die. A rule that honors God and magnifies His illustrious name.

Men with faith in Jehovah believed in the kingdom of heaven. They fervently prayed for this glorious time with complete faith in every promise concerning it. Not all were so blessed as to live in "that day" when Jehovah's King is fully enthroned. This alone makes the present day most unique! Jehovah's kingdom has come. It is here: a living reality! Daily the lives of the Lord's people are crowded with events that concern the Kingdom interests. Daily Jehovah's witnesses bear testimony to the onward march of the great King of kings. Even while the enemy's structure is crumbling in complete disintegration Jehovah exalts His King upon the heights. Daily the Kingdom is thrown into conflict with the remaining members of the Devil's agents in the earth. Daily the kingdom of God is presented to all who accept it. Daily WBBR rejoices in the mounting evidences that the Kingdom is here. This is KINGDOM NEWS. This sort of news is what thrills the hearts of all who have placed their hopes in the kingdom of heaven.

WBBR is pleased to announce that with the beginning of the special *Watchtower* Campaign, January 1, it inaugurated a series of weekly programs devoted to KINGDOM NEWS: interesting items gleaned from the field affecting the Kingdom interests throughout the world as reported to the WATCH TOWER organization and which appear in "New Government" section and elsewhere in every issue of the *Consolation* magazine: field experiences re-enacted before the microphone; court records pertaining to the witness work unfolded in living sequence. This is KINGDOM NEWS.

(To be continued)

CONSOLATION

Foods

Scotch Scones



One quart buttermilk, 2 teaspoonfuls salt, 4 teaspoonfuls soda, 4 teaspoonfuls baking soda, 8 cups wheat flour. Mix the ingredients to a stiff but moist dough. Take a heaping tablespoonful of dough on floured hands and roll around until well floured; then pat to not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, to make about 3 inches in diameter, and bake in skillet over fire. It is best not to grease pan, but bake slowly until browned, and then turn over with spatula or pancake turner. About five minutes for each side of a panful is about right. They will rise while baking, making them just right to split and eat with butter or honey. May be eaten hot or cold. Baking without grease makes them better to digest. Will keep a few days.—Mrs. F. E. Shimer, California.

Wheat as a

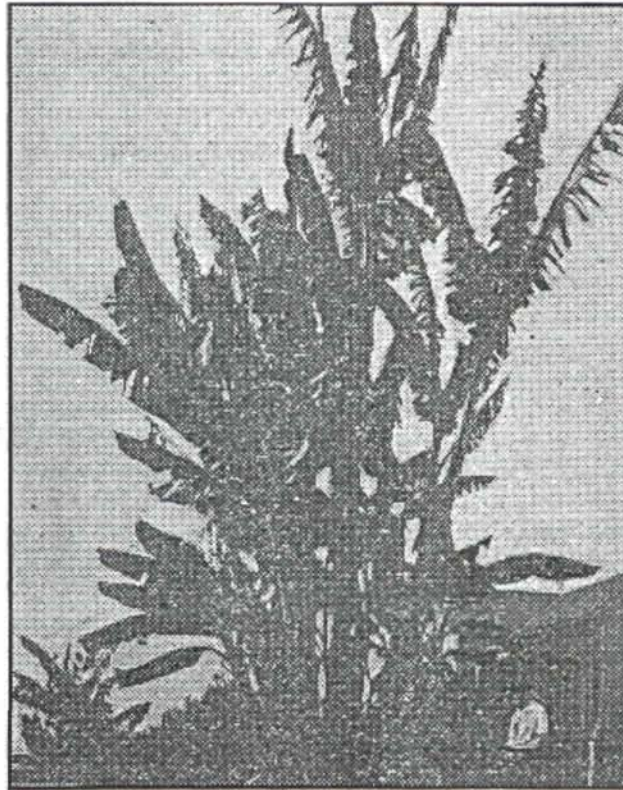
Breakfast Food

◆ In an ordinary thermos flask put half a cup of wheat grain. Pour in a small quantity of hot water; wait a few minutes, shake the flask gently and pour off the water. This serves the double purpose of cleansing the wheat and warming the interior of the flask. As soon as this is done, fill the flask with boiling water and stopper it. If this is done just before going to bed, the wheat will be ready to eat in the morning. If done properly the grains will be burst open and will have so swollen as to fill the flask. The wheat will be still hot, and one has only to add sugar and milk to make a tasty breakfast. For simplicity, economy and nourishment, this preparation is hard to beat.—Republished by request.

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Golden Health Bread

◆ Take $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups wheat flour, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup oatmeal, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup honey or molasses, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful salt, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups buttermilk, $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonfuls soda, 1 teaspoonful baking powder. Mix dry ingredients; add buttermilk; stir well; then add honey or molasses. Stir well again and put in well-greased loaf tin and bake in moderate oven 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours. Honey makes it golden; molasses, dark.—Mrs. F. E. Shimer.



Banana plant growing in front of a home on Temple street, Los Angeles, California

Homemade

Breakfast Food

◆ $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups whole-wheat flour, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon soda, 2 cups buttermilk or sour milk. Bake in moderate oven. Cool. Cut in strips and dry for a short time in oven. Grind through food chopper. Dry and crisp in oven. This usually takes four hours. It is even better if raw sugar is used. Needs only milk or cream to be ready to eat.—Mrs. John Hill.

On Mushrooms

◆ An expert on mushrooms says that if you have any doubt about your cookery's including some one of the eighty poisonous varieties, put some

solid silver article into the cooking receptacle. If the silver stays bright, then the mushrooms are entirely safe; but if it tarnishes the least bit, then throw the whole potful out.

Coffee at Two Cents a Pound

◆ Pour wheat, peas or barley into a baking pan, to the depth of half an inch or less. Place this in a hot oven, and when it starts browning stir occasionally, so that all the kernels will roast uniformly. When all appear roasted to a coffee brown, remove from the oven and run the kernels through a coffee grinder.—Harvey Johnson, Washington.

Natural Phenomena

Studying Jupiter's Volcanoes



Astronomers at Griffith observatory, Los Angeles, on the night of October 12, had an interesting experience studying the effects of a huge volcano on the planet Jupiter.

It was in the form of a huge cloud, black as night, which hung over a considerable portion of the planet. There was some discussion among the astronomers as to whether it might be the shadow of one of Jupiter's moons; but this was dismissed. It was manifestly a huge storm, and the explanation that it was the dust of a tremendous volcanic explosion seems most reasonable.

Man and the Rat

♦ *Popular Science Monthly* claims that the rat population of the United States equals the human population and that the annual loss from their depredations is over \$1,000,000,000, or four times the nation's annual fire loss. Rats have been known to cause the death of elephants by eating their hoofs, and at least one miner was killed and eaten by them. Twice a year every vessel is freed of rats by the use of poison gas. Under ideal conditions, the progeny of a single pair of rats would reach the staggering total of 350,000,000 in three years; but man and other animals interfere.

Good Name for New Geyser

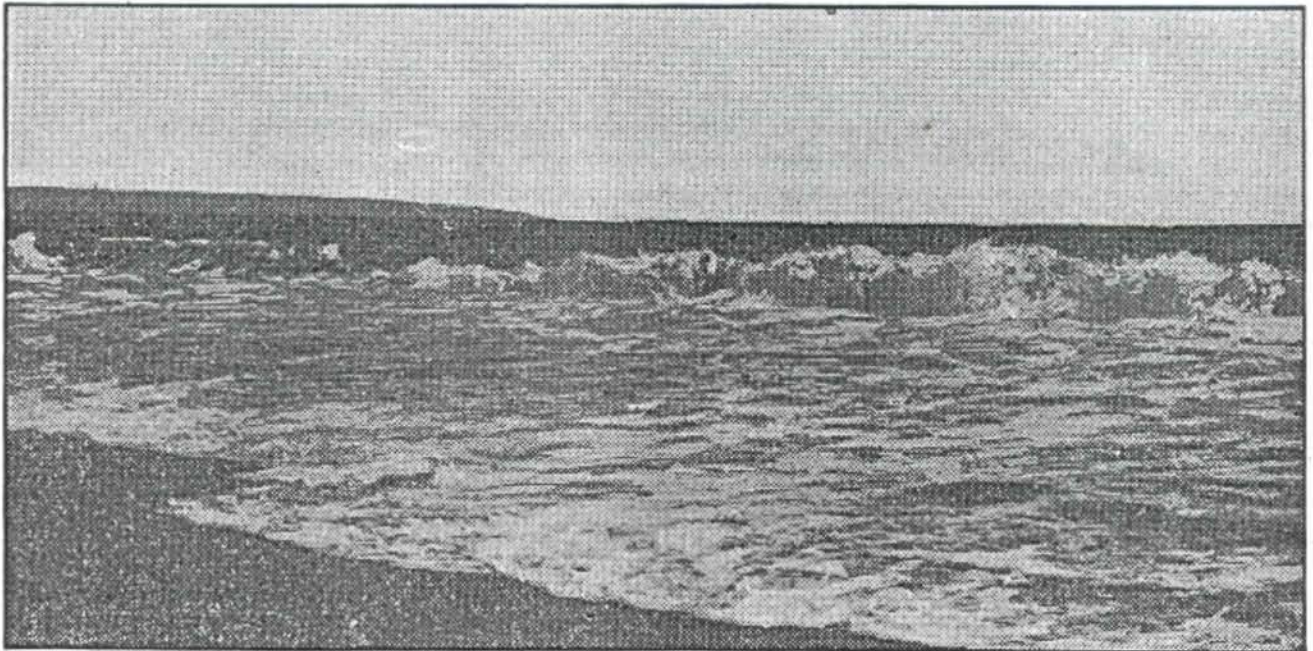
♦ A good name for the new mud-slinging geyser in the Yellowstone National Park, it seems, would be "The Felix Windle". In the single season of 1938 this geyser carved out a hole 15 feet in diameter and 30 feet deep. Like "Father" Felix and Mr. Windle, it throws mud forty feet into the air; but not at Judge Rutherford. The Yellowstone curiosity decorated treetops that far above terra firma.

Strides 200 Feet Apart

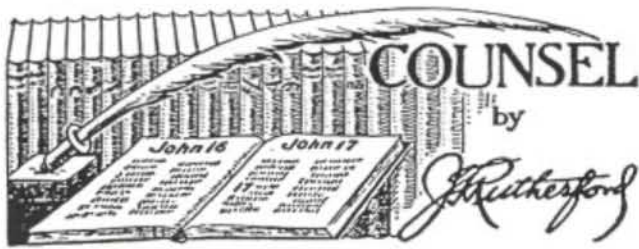
♦ The strides of lightning average to be about 200 feet apart, and careful studies of many photographs establish that the path from heaven to earth is usually opened up by a preliminary flash from earth to heaven. Or, in any event, the flash en route from heaven to earth is met part way.

Coronado and the Buffalo

♦ First mention of the buffalo is made by Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, Spanish explorer. Traveling from the Rio Grande eastward he and his men came upon the strange animals now known as buffalo, but which he described as "a new kind of oxen, wild and fierce, whereof, the first day, they killed four-score, which sufficed the army with flesh"



Surf at Coronado Beach, California



Petition

EARLY in the year 1938 a company of some two hundred clergymen presented to the president of the United States a paper in the form of a petition "for a return to God, home and country" and requested the president to "make any suggestion of ways and means by which we and our brethren in the ministry can be of the highest value to our day and generation" about returning to God, home and country.

It seems strange that anyone who even pretends to serve God and Christ should appeal to an outstanding politician as to how he can return to God. Such a course is what the Scriptures designate as 'going down to Egypt [the world] for help'. Those clergymen, by their petition to the president, plainly show that they have forgotten God and ignored His Word, and the Lord declares woe shall be their lot. "Woe to them that go down to Egypt [the political ruling power of the world] for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots [horses and chariots symbolically standing for war equipment and an organization to carry on war], because they are many; and in horsemen [the men who manipulate the political and commercial warfare], because they are very strong; but they [the clergymen or religious leaders] look not unto the Holy One of Israel [God's organization], neither seek the Lord!" The Lord then declares what He will do to such, saying He "will arise against the house of the evil doers, and against the help of them that work iniquity". (Isaiah 31:1-3) By their words addressed to the president as set forth in their petition those religious leaders show that they have completely forgotten God and His Word and that they are floundering about seeking help from any source. Truly they are, as Jesus said, blind guides of the blind. What does God say shall be the end of those who forget Him and His Word? "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."—Psalm 9:17.

The words of the clergymen's petition clearly imply that those religionists at one time

had some faith in God and in the blood of His beloved Son, Christ Jesus, by which man is redeemed from death. Now they have fallen away from God and have lost faith in His Word and in His great arrangement for redemption. Under such circumstances, then, can they hope to "return to God"?

The higher critics among religionists have taken the lead in repudiating the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and the majority of the religionists have acquiesced in such repudiation and have turned to the world for help and follow a worldly course. What does the Word of God say about such returning to Him? The answer is found in the following text: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the holy spirit, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: but that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned." (Hebrews 6:4-8) And what will be the result to those credulous persons who continue to blindly follow such religious teachers who have substituted tradition for the Word of God and who continue to teach the people tradition, and not the Scriptures? Jesus said of such religious leaders: "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:8,9) Then turning to His disciples and the others who were listening Jesus said concerning those religionists: "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."—Matthew 15:14.

The only possible way to find God and Christ Jesus and to walk in God's way of salvation is for a person to consecrate himself to Jehovah God, fully and completely trusting in the merit of Christ Jesus' sacrifice, and to study the Word of God and obey His commandments. By so doing he follows in the footsteps of Jesus, the great righteous One and Savior of the world. Jehovah's witnesses now go about the land from house to house

and call the attention of the people to the Scriptures, which give the very instruction they most need. While the religious leaders flounder about and try to find help from worldly politicians, let the sincere people of

the land who love God and Christ and who want to walk in righteousness devote themselves to the Lord and to the careful study of His Word, which is their sure and perfect guide.—Psalm 119:105.

Mexico, Britain, Ethiopia and Japan

Mexico's Path to Fascism



Mexico's path toward Fascism is a peculiar one. The refusal of the oil companies to pay adequate wages caused the Mexican government to expropriate the oil properties. The Mexican people made a crusade out of it. They are being dunned to pay Great Britain and the United States, which still claim to be democratic countries. That rears a barrier against democracy. They have to sell their oil, and the nations that want it are Japan, Germany and Italy. All these are Fascist nations and now Mexico's friends. The pope's clever hand was to be seen in all this. Pius XI, by his representative in Mexico, warmly commended the Mexican government for what it has done, and the "Church" is now on better relations with the republic to the south than it had been for ten years.

The Only Protection

◆ We all know that to design a building that is proof against enormous bombs is about as effective as putting an umbrella under Vesuvius. The only protection lies in peace. If the pope had taken a courageous stand the Abyssinian war and the troubles arising out of it would, I am convinced, never have come to pass. I am afraid he hadn't the heart, and neither have most of the ministers of the Church of England. The human machine is not made to withstand modern warfare. Twenty years ago I saw my own friends become maniacs under the strain. If a major disaster ever happens again I am quite sure we shall create tens of thousands of lunatics.—Frederick T. Bush, police architect, Scotland Yard, in the *London Star*.

Endorsement of Ethiopian Rape

◆ The *Toronto Star Weekly*, June 25, 1938, has a half-page reproduction of the scene and then says editorially:

Much comment has followed the unveiling of a huge fresco in a Montreal church, the dominant figure of which is Mussolini, Italian dictator, mounted on a horse. Among the ecclesiastical and lay figures is Badoglio, Ethiopia's conqueror.

Mikado Descendant of Amaterasu

◆ The mikado of Japan is a supposed descendant of the sun-goddess Amaterasu. Spectators of him must be on a level or below him, and stand with bowed head. If he is ill 10,000 men may gather before the palace to "pray" for his recovery, each holding in the palm of one hand oil which feeds a wick that burns against the bare flesh. If he dies, many of them commit hara-kiri.

Catholicism in Japan

◆ Speaking in Paris the "Reverend Father" Ghika, in a lecture on "Japan and Catholicism", predicted that shortly the three official religions in Japan would be Buddhism, Shintoism and Catholicism. There are only about 270,000 Catholics in Japan, but as one of the parents of the present emperor is a Catholic, that religion has the inside track.

Japanese Feeling the Boycott

◆ With exports of silk down 27 percent below those of a year ago, the Japanese are coming to feel that maybe it was not so wise after all to push for the conquest of China and get the whole world down on her products. Moreover, the war with China is getting to be a real war, and is straining Japanese resources mightily.

Canton's 800 Bombings

◆ The *Manchester Guardian*, one of the best-informed papers in the world, claims that the Japanese bombed the city of Canton, day and night, more than 800 times in a single year. On each of these occasions many were killed; the life of the city came to a stop, and half a million people fled.

U. S. Government vs. A. M. A.



GROUP Health Association is a consumers' co-operative organization whose members pay monthly dues; with the funds collected, the Association retains a staff of physicians and operates a clinic. The Association has encountered opposition from the Medical Society of the District of Columbia and from the American Medical Association since its formation.

Even before Group Health Association had begun operation of its clinic, the local Medical Society and the American Medical Association made public attacks upon the ethics of the Association and upon its legality and its financial soundness. At the same time the Medical Society began expulsion proceedings against the Association's doctors; these proceedings were based upon charges of "unethical" conduct, although the doctors' only offense had been their willingness to serve the Association. Expulsion of the Association's doctors was sought not only from the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, but also from other medical societies affiliated with the American Medical Association in other parts of the nation. The proceedings against one of the Association's doctors were carried to a conclusion and the doctor was expelled. Proceedings against another doctor are still pending. An effort was also made to secure the expulsion of a Washington specialist who had disregarded the Society's edict by engaging in professional relations with a Group Health Association doctor.

A striking example of the restrictions placed upon Group Health Association's doctors in securing consultations with other Washington physicians occurred in the case of a patient suffering from a serious heart ailment. The consulting specialist was instructed by an officer of the Medical Society that he could not consult with the attending Association physician. It was, therefore, necessary for the patient to see the specialist alone and for the specialist to communicate his conclusions to the Group Health Association doctor by correspondence. In other instances Group Health Association checks have been rejected by Washington consultants because of fear of the Medical Society's attitude.

The close relationship existing between the Medical Society and the principal hospitals

in Washington has resulted in denial to Group Health Association's physicians of access to hospital facilities in the District of Columbia. Not even in emergency cases are these doctors allowed to attend their patients. For example, an Association member earning \$1,440 a year recently telephoned the Association's surgeon at midnight and reported that her husband had been taken to a Washington hospital with acute appendicitis, and requested that the surgeon come to the hospital immediately to take charge of the case. The hospital declined to permit the Association surgeon to operate, notwithstanding the fact that the member had desired this surgeon's services and had paid for them through her membership in the Association. The member, therefore, was compelled to incur heavy surgical and hospital expenses that she would not have needed to contract for if the Association had been permitted to carry out, without interference, its agreement with her. She also was denied the right to have the doctor of her own choice attend to the case.

The evidence revealed by the present investigation appears to warrant submission to a grand jury for such action as that body may determine to be necessary. Such a course is in line with the ordinary practice of the Department when it has information indicating that there have been violations of the criminal provisions of the law.

[The foregoing official statement by the United States Government indicates to some degree the disfavor into which the American Medical Association has fallen because of its intolerable arrogance, selfishness and assumption of an infallibility which is on a par with the infallibility of the pope—equally absurd—equally irritating.—Ed.]

High Price for Smoking

◆ Smokers occasionally go blind from the effect of the nicotine on the optic nerve. Such a case occurred in Kansas City, Mo., with a 17-year-old boy. The doctors exhausted their ingenuity to find out why this young man had lost his sight, but when he lit a cigarette one of them happened to remember what all should know. The young man was restrained from smoking any more cigarettes. In three days there was an improvement in his condition, and in a week or so his full sight returned. If you wish to go blind you might try cigarette smoking.



Shaughnessy's Gun Kicked

Gerald Shaughnessy, alias bishop of Seattle, boasted that he wrote 1,000 letters to sundry and divers clergymen and others, trying to get their aid in a conspiracy to keep Judge Rutherford from speaking in Seattle. The conspiracy was a complete failure, and now here is a portion of a private letter, from one woman to another, showing how two were affected by this attempted deprivation of one American of his right to speak and of thousands of other Americans of their right to listen to the speaker of their choice:

Did you know that a Catholic priest here sent letters to all the Protestant pastors, as well as to all priests, when the convention was here, demanding that they denounce Jehovah's witnesses from the pulpits? and so far as I know, they did so. My sister and I were so wrought up over it, and I have not entered a church since. She would not either if it were not that she needs the little income she gets from it as an organist, but I believe that will not hold out long. You can always tell who are on the right side by the way they are persecuted.

Only One Mean Enough

◆ The Catholic press boasts that when their boycott went into effect in Seattle,

KOL, the station with which the program originated and the only local radio outlet carrying the broadcast despite a warning issued, was hardest hit. Trucks carrying products advertised on

the station began returning to their warehouses with more than half the loads refused by grocers and other retail outlets. Leading advertisers, seeing the protesters really meant business, took their programs off Station KOL.

"When the Box Is Full" in Brazil



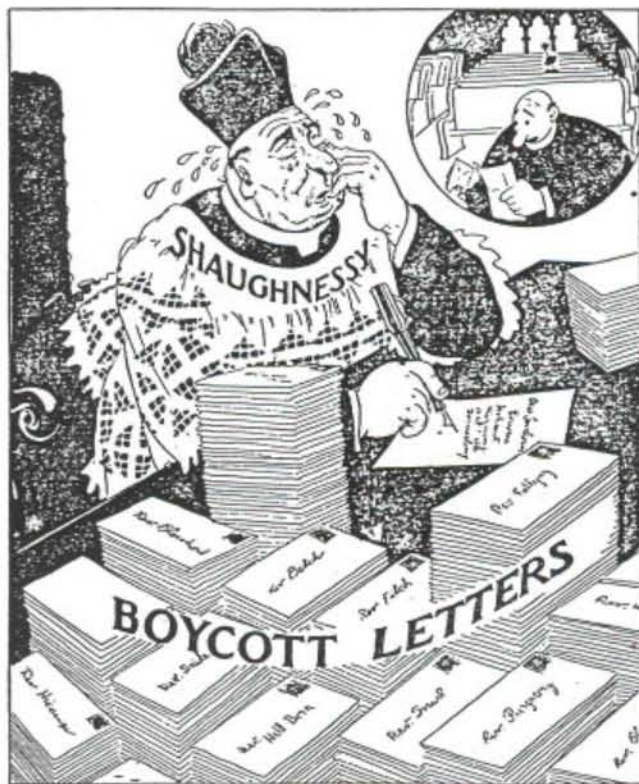
Millions have the recent WATCH TOWER publication *Enemies*, which on pages 142 and 143 gives important and interesting information on racketeers and their rackets. Religion is the slimiest racket of all; and if there are some that don't just quite see the point, well, just listen to this one.

Recently it was my privilege to work with a number of Jehovah's witnesses publishing His kingdom on a Saturday afternoon witnessing party (we call them "concentrations" in Portuguese). My territory assignment happened to be made up of small business houses and retail stores completely surrounding a large Catholic church building and a plaza. In this territory were about a dozen stores which deal in religious ware exclusively, such as candles, rosary beads, images, crucifixes, etc. I noticed in each of these stores a very large array of waxen objects such as human heads, hands, fingers, noses, eyes, female breasts, legs, feet, toes, the torso,

hearts, and, in fact, every imaginable part of the anatomy, internal and external. Among all these were also figures of horses, cows, mules, chickens, ducks, etc. Having been brought up a Roman Catholic in the United States and never having seen the like before, my curiosity was aroused, and here is the answer to my inquiry,—very simple and easy to follow indeed.

Let us suppose that you have contracted some serious ailment or disease in any or

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Advice to the lovelorn

gan or part of your make-up. You first, of course, seek medical aid and you are informed that you are in bad shape. Your next move is what? Why, as easy as pie. Don't be alarmed; just pick out your favorite "saint" and make a promise with the understanding that, if he or she cures your affliction, you will present the said "saint" with an exact duplicate of the afflicted organ or anatomy. Now head straight for the nearest one of these shops and plank down the long green for the waxen object that resembles the part of your body that is affected or you think needs fixing. The amount you pay ranges from 5 or 10 milreis (\$.30 or \$.60 U. S. coin) to 20 or 30 milreis and upward, according to the particular part of your structure. [See 1 Samuel 5: 12; 6: 5.]

So far, so good. Now what next? Well, just carry your "head" or "heart" or whatever ails you to the nearest "church" and inside you will find a specially constructed box to receive the same. Now go on home and rest easily if possible and wait until your "saint" gets on the job. If it happens that your mule or duck is the victim, make it as comfortable as possible for it until the "saint" gets around to it.

Where do the priests come in on this racket? Why bring that up? Well, follow closely if you must know. You see the candle factories make candles and waxen figures and objects aforementioned. The priests buy the stuff in job lots. Is the light beginning to flicker through? No! The priests then sell in wholesale lots to the shops, who, in turn, retail to you. You deliver at the "church", and when the box is full the priest ships (?) said box to the factory to be melted and made up into other organs or donkeys, etc., whatever the market is in demand for. Simple, is it not?

How about the doctor you engaged prior to all this? Why, that is easily explained by the priest. If you recover from your ailment, the "saint" takes the honors. If you don't, well, poor old Doc gets the blame. One thing that isn't quite clear is why the Sam Hill the "saints" don't put up a howl, and why permit the priests to rob them of their collection of waxen pigs and other things. On the other hand, what they were to do with them after they did get them was not explained.

Who but the Devil himself could conceive such a God-dishonoring thing? and who but the gangsters and racketeers of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy would employ such a racket?—Antonio P. Andrade, Brazil.

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Tried to Carry Too Much

♦ At Alexandria, Egypt, two Franciscan friars and two nuns tried to carry in 100 pounds of opium and marihuana, but they overhugged it and got caught. The drugs were in packets attached to their legs, arms and waists, and they carried so much that it aroused suspicion. When arrested the holy snides at first indignantly refused to be searched; but it did not do them any good.

Grants Gambling Monopoly

♦ Ecuador has granted gambling monopolies to Roman Catholic church raffles and municipal lotteries; all other gambling concerns must fold up and quit, under penalties provided for both the gambling operators and their victims.

Blessing the Devil

♦ Eager always to bless the Devil, whom they serve, the Roman Hierarchy in Tripoli, Libya, blessed a statue of Mussolini in which he poses as the protector of the Mohammedan religion.

Protection in the Amazon Region



In the wilds of Africa man has for centuries employed devious methods to combat his natural enemies of the jungle. In the Amazon basin he has been as fully convinced as his African cousin that the logical thing to do in the event he is attacked by the denizens of the forest is to choose either to stand and fight for his life or to leave some open territory between him and his aggressor. Suffice it to say that, being let alone to solve the problem of self-preservation, he has managed one way or another to get along all these years fairly well; but along came the racketeers and everything is O.K. now. No need to fight, no need to run, no need to—well, just carefully study the picture you have before you.

The wayfarer is suddenly advanced upon by a python that doesn't care where he came from and a crocodile that is overly anxious to appease his hunger. Next the wayfarer "planks" his knees on the ground and does some "tall" praying. To the right and somewhat elevated you see his protector in the figure that is supposed to be the virgin Mary and the baby Jesus, both heavily crowned. To the left you see a "church" building although no "operator" in sight.

This picture is one of thousands hung on the walls of as many homes in this country, and is accepted by the masses as bona fide immunity from danger of wild beasts. Any traveler desiring such protection must shell out at the nearest "church" and be "benefited" and should also see to it that this picture finds a place in his home.

Now then, one thing that the poor man fails to see is that the snake and the old crocodile are not his enemies, but his friends. How come? Well, they're between him and the racket shop and trying to impress upon him that the best way out is to "beat it". If he does, he'll probably meet up with the booklets *Protection* and *Uncovered* one of these days and therein find out that his worst enemy is snooping in the building down the road; that the whole setup is just another racket worked by the world's biggest racketeers, and that protection from that gang comes from one true and almighty God, whose name alone is Jehovah.—A. P. Andrade, Brazil.

Hierarchical Courtesy



When the controversy over the arms embargo was at its height, Archbishop Michael J. Curley, of Baltimore, called the Spanish ambassador a common, ordinary liar, when that gentleman invited Catholic leaders to visit Spain and prove for themselves that the Spanish government was not against the Catholic religion, but adhered to the fundamental principles of religious tolerance and freedom of worship.

Catholics in Philadelphia (as well as millions elsewhere) were urged to back the embargo, and 750,000 petitions were circulated. Holy Name Societies, Knights of Columbus and other Catholics sent upward of 100,000 telegrams to Washington in favor of the continuation of the embargo.

The much-touted, Fascistic radio priest, Coughlin, generally at superficial odds with the rest of the Hierarchy, also urged the continuation of the arms embargo. His fans sent thousands of telegrams to Congress, also.

Says Leo H. Lehman in *The New Republic*:

A citizens' committee, composed of representatives of business, the professions, labor and churches, headed by Arthur Wald, dean of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Illinois, rented the ballroom of the Harper House Hotel for a meeting at which a distinguished Span-

ish delegation was to speak. The rental of the hall was paid in advance, tickets were printed and placed on sale and advance publicity and advertising announced the meeting to the public. The press was generous in its co-operation, and Radio Station WHBF, owned by the Rock Island *Argus*, offered to broadcast without charge three five-minute talks on the Spanish situation, and arranged an interview over the radio with the delegation. But on the Sunday following the announcement of the meeting, the Catholic bishop of Peoria delivered a sermon denouncing the meeting and condemned the Spanish government as Communistic. Sermons in a similar vein were delivered from local Catholic pulpits, and *The Catholic Messenger* joined in the campaign against the delegation.



As an immediate result, the newspapers closed down on space. Radio Station WHBF canceled the remaining addresses, explaining that it had to do so because of protests. The contract for the ballroom of the Harper House was canceled. The citizens' committee then succeeded in obtaining the assembly room at the Hotel Fort Armstrong, only to have that contract also canceled the following day. With but one day left to get a hall, the committee turned to the Labor Temple. Arrangements were made for the use of the Temple through the Rock Island Bank and Trust Company, which held a mortgage on the building. Again the rental was paid in advance. The following morning, the day of the scheduled meeting, the bank withdrew its consent. It was almost noon before the committee found what proved to be its last stand—an old abandoned church, a small wooden structure in an advanced stage of disrepair, far from the center of town. It was owned by a Rock Island physician not amenable to Catholic Church pressure. The afternoon was devoted to cleaning up the hall and preparing it for the meeting. At six o'clock the committee was informed by the chief of police that the meeting had been forbidden by the mayor. Later, he revoked the order and the meeting proceeded. The Spanish delegation, however, declined to attend, declaring that they would not make a public appearance in a community showing such organized antagonism to the government they represented.

Two hundred and fifty Protestant and Jewish clergymen, including seven bishops, urged President Roosevelt to lift the embargo, and 250,000 telegrams with a similar request poured into Washington in the course of a week. The embargo was not lifted.

The Gallup poll showed that public sympathy in America was with the Spanish Loyalists. 76 percent. Of Catholics, 42 percent favored the Loyalists; and of Protestants, 83 percent.

(To be continued)

The Terror in France



IN THE last few weeks Europe has been swept by a storm, politically speaking, which was undoubtedly the greatest crisis since the Great War; so I thought you would be interested to receive a few observations from a pioneer in France. The people in this country were certainly badly frightened; in some parts it was like a return of the war days, with soldiers thronging the railway stations, while, particularly in eastern France, near the German frontier, the roads were busy with military lorries transporting troops and supplies toward the frontier, while civilian cars retreated in the opposite direction, loaded with people and household goods.

The "big four" who met at Munich received a lot of praise and "back-patting" as a result of this meeting. To me it seemed like a lot of bluff; they make it seem as if war were inevitable, strike panic into the hearts of the poor, ignorant people, calmly hand over a chunk of someone else's country to the robber-in-chief, and then all four stick out the chest and say, "We've saved the peace." As we know, they have only to go on 'saving the peace' like that a little longer and 'sudden destruction shall come upon them'.

And now there are signs that the Munich quartet is going to strike while the iron is hot. In France, Premier Daladier, in his speech to the *Chambre des Communes*, said, "All French people who desire the safety of France must now consider themselves in a state of permanent mobilization for the service of peace and the country." He also gives a warning that "everything that arouses hatred, everything that causes divisions among the French people, can now only be considered as treachery".

There is a brief notice in the French press to the effect that Viscount Buchmaster introduced a motion to the House of Lords in England, saying, "In the light of recent events this House is of the opinion that a sort of military service would be serving the best interests of the country."

Here are two signs that what Judge Rutherford said at that marvelous London convention about totalitarianism's seizing control of Europe is already developing. All the better; the sooner the two opposing sides are in position, the sooner Armageddon will be over

and Jehovah's name vindicated.—John Cooke, France.

Prospective Butchery of All French



Not until the Germans realize that they must engage in an actual and final conflict with France with the most comprehensive intentions, will it be possible to bring the fruitless struggle to a conclusion; that is, if Germany really sees in the extermination of France a means of providing her people with the necessary room for expansion. There are 80 million Germans in Europe today. Our policy will be recognized as the correct one, when, in less than one hundred years from now, the continent of Europe is inhabited by 250 million Germans.

We want arms again. Yes, to arouse this cry in the German people the Treaty of Versailles can be used. In the boundlessness of its suppression, in the shamelessness of its demands . . . lies the greatest propagandist weapon for the resurrection of the slumbering animal spirits of a nation. To be sure, from the child's primer to the last newspaper, every theater, every cinema, every kiosk, and every free hoarding, has to be put in the service of this single great vision, till the smallest boy is repeating the glowing prayer: "Almighty God, some day bless our arms. Be as just as you always were. Judge whether we deserve freedom now. Lord, bless our fight."—Adolf Hitler, in *Mein Kampf*.

Frenchmen are not human creatures and must under no circumstances be dealt with as such. If a German nevertheless lowers himself to treat a Frenchman humanly, he is doing so only in order not to come down to the level of the French.—*Pforzheimer Anzeiger*, No. 224, year 1933.

Exchange of Spies

♦ Four German spies, convicted in France, were exchanged for four French spies, convicted in Germany. The exchange took place at Apach, a little village on the French side of the line, immediately opposite the German village of Perl. The exchange took place at night, and none of the public were permitted to witness it. None of the spies on either side were handcuffed, but each was guarded by a plain-clothes man.

Canada

Wild Geese at James Bay

◆ You have noticed that Hudson bay is, roughly, of the shape of a huge funnel, terminating in another great body of water, James bay, at its southern end. This, in turn, is only a few hundred miles from Winnipeg on its west and Montreal on the south. Down through this great funnel, every fall, fly thirty percent of all the wild geese hatched in the Arctic. In the fall of 1938, for some unknown reason, there were almost no young geese in the great flock flying south. The reason why the wild geese breed in the Arctic is that they can be free from molestation by their cruel enemy, man.

Canadian

Drinking Water

◆ Probably no country on earth has more or better streams of pure water than has Canada, yet last year there were dumped into the water which Canadians drank 4,705 tons of alum, 624 tons of chlorine, 610 tons of lime, 800 tons of salt, 202 tons of soda ash, 100 tons of sulphur dioxide, 13 tons of chloride of lime, 24 tons of activated carbon, 37 tons of ammonium sulphate, and 3 tons of anhydrous ammonia. Still, if the Canadians want their drinking water seasoned, peppered and salted with all known and unknown chemical combinations, whose business is it?

Keep Children Away from Bears

◆ At Larder Lake, Ontario, the parents of a two-year-old child allowed him to offer a piece of bread to a chained bear. The bear reached out, knocked the child down and bit

him so savagely that it took three men to club him off, and a blood transfusion was necessary to save the child's life. This is a second case of this kind in recent years. *The Watchtower* proves that imprisonment of wild animals is unscriptural. The bear was not himself. If free to roam he would probably never have attacked the child. The bear was killed.



Looking for a handout. Met in Glacier National Park by Charles Ingraham, Montana, en route home from Calgary convention

Gregariousness of Reindeer

◆ Reindeer travel in herds, and the herd instinct is so strong that it is impossible to segregate fewer than about 800. Such a segregation is now being made from the great herd of 5,000 Canadian reindeer (descendants of the herd bought in Alaska eight years ago), and the smaller herd will be put in care of four Eskimo families, to ascertain if the 2,500 Eskimo of the Western Arctic can be made self-supporting and independent, like the Lapps.

Iron Ore in Labrador

◆ Canada is heartened by the fact that vast deposits of iron ore have been found in Labrador, and one of the three deposits is of high-grade ore. In the commercial life of today iron is of utmost importance, and steps are already being taken to develop the Labrador fields.

Possible Highway to Alaska

◆ Serious consideration is being given to a highway from the United States to Alaska, running through British Columbia and the Yukon. If built it is expected to cost about \$13,000,000.

Fascism in America

America Already Betrayed



The outbreak of war will mean the immediate, inescapable imposition of a Fascist dictatorship in the United States.

The national defense act itself, already enacted into law, provides for the destruction of many of our most cherished liberties. It authorizes the government to regulate production in all factories in the utmost detail, and even permits the government to take over and administer them. This and bills ready for instant enactment provide also for conscription and manpower, not merely the youths who are to fight, but every able-bodied adult.

When the war department's plans for mobilization are analyzed, it is evident that our constitutional liberties will terminate immediately when we engage in war. Prices will be fixed by government; factories will produce at the government's command; every person over 16 will be obliged to fight or work at the task assigned to him.

Workers will lose the right to strike; food will be rationed; wages will be fixed by decree, and businesses will be licensed; and incomes will be taxable up to 93 percent, profits to 100 percent. In short, the plans are ready for what Mussolini has called totalitarian war.

What this means for the average citizen is clear enough—if he has any imagination at all. It means the sudden appearance of most of the evils of Fascist dictatorship as it has evolved in Europe.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Roosevelt's Approval of Fascism

♦ Asked if there were anything the president

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could do to prevent interference with free speech in Jersey City, Roosevelt said it was a matter for local police. Asked if there were anything he could do as head of the Democratic party toward ousting Hague as vice-chairman of the national committee, the president referred correspondents to the national Democratic chairman, Postmaster General James A. Farley.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



Will Madame have a facial to match her fancy bracelets?

President's

Armored Car

♦ The president's armored car is bullet-proof, has a space in the rear where the president may recline out of range of bullets, carries tear gas and firearms, has reinforced running boards for the secret service men to stand upon, and its speed can be stepped up to 95 miles an hour.

Strange Language

♦ General Hugh S. Johnson quotes President Roosevelt as having said to him some years ago:

Business has bucked me and when industry wants to play with me again it will be on its hands and knees.

If he made any such statement, it is surely strange language for a president to use. At the same time the average citizen can but get a kick out of Roosevelt's speech over the radio wherein he said:

Do not let any calamity-howling executive with an income of \$1,000 a day, who has been turning his employees over to the government relief rolls in order to preserve his company's undistributed reserves, tell you—using his stockholders' money to pay the postage for his personal opinions—that a wage of \$11 a week is going to have a disastrous effect on all American industry.

Thus, according to popular belief, the president spanked publicly Alfred P. Sloan, chairman of General Motors, whose wages of \$651,311 a year seem to have affected him with what might be called crystallization of the heart.

The Germ Theory of Disease



WHEN the Germ theorist asserts that pneumonia, tuberculosis, diphtheria, typhoid fever and meningitis are caused by germs, and the Biochemic theorist declares that germs have nothing to do with the causation of the above-named diseases, then it is time for citizens to examine the foundation of each theory, and support the one which appeals more strongly to their hard, common sense.

The study and classification of germs belong to the science of bacteriology, and as this science was placed on a practical basis only about the year 1880, it is in age only an infant, with an infant's vagaries and illusions. Analytical chemistry is a more exact science than bacteriology; its history extends over centuries.

The two main points upon which the germ theory is founded are: (1) the presence of different germs with different diseases; (2) that disease follows the hypodermic injection of germs beneath the skin of small animals. (Some tests have been made on humans, but the result was not conclusive.)

If you ask when germs first appear no answer is given.

If you ask the Germ theorist to point out the relation between injecting germs into small animals and giving humans the same germs in food or drink, they have to admit that these are two distinct procedures with practically no relationship.

If you ask why thousands of men carry germs without injury to themselves the replies vary, but all are unsatisfactory.

If you examine the standard works on bacteriology you find no positive proofs given, that germs, if taken in food or drink, are harmful.

If you point out the cruelties inflicted upon dumb animals during their experiments the reply is that *the end justifies the means*.

The assumptions that because germs are found *with* disease they are the *cause* of it, and that if injected germs will cause disease, inhaled or ingested germs will do the same, is surely a "foundation of sand".

The first point for the Biochemic theorists to decide was whether the germs appeared before or after the onset of the disease. This was a rather difficult task, as our professional bacteriologists are not called until after the

attending physician sees the case, and the latter is not called until after the disease shows itself, when it is usually too late to make a fair test: but a long, careful study of early cases, especially in pneumonia, typhoid, and diphtheria, where the appearance of the germs is often delayed, showed that the germ followed the onset of disease, and consequently could not be the cause of it. My own observations covered a period of over three years. Many other careful observers have investigated this point, and today there is a mass of evidence that cannot be broken down that the germs are the product and not the cause of disease.

As the Germ theorists strongly opposed this pivotal point—claiming that the germs were present but undiscovered—their argument was met by destroying all uncertainty and dealing with solid facts they could not deny.

Bearing in mind that germs are the products of disease, and thus harmless, the Biochemic theorists carried out the following experiments:

Typhoid Germs. In testing typhoid germs, forty-five experiments were made in which water, milk, bread, cheese, meat, fish, potatoes, headcheese, butter, porridge, etc., were infected with millions of fresh, vigorous typhoid germs; this food containing the germs was used in the ordinary way; and, as the Biochemics expected, there was not a single instance of any sign of typhoid. Here we have forty-five facts—not assumptions—to build on.

Pneumonia Germs. In this series of nineteen experiments, milk, water and food were infected with millions of pneumonia germs, and although no precautions were taken to prevent the disease, no sign of the disease developed.

Diphtheria Germs. A total of forty experiments were made with germs of diphtheria, in which not only were they taken in water, milk, bread, porridge, potatoes, cheese, butter, etc., but other millions of germs were swabbed in the nose and throat, and every facility given them to develop, but in spite of all efforts they refused to develop, although they would grow rapidly on nutrient agar. These tests were made scientifically, and part of the germs were grown from stock tubes furnished by one of the best known laboratories in North America. These are facts, not opinions.

Tuberculosis Germs. In this series of tests nineteen experiments were made; special attention was paid to thoroughly infecting milk, water, bread, meat, potatoes, etc., with millions of germs, fresh and vigorous, but in spite of every effort to get them to develop they were positively inert. The germs used were human (not bovine) tubercle bacilli germs.

Meningitis Germs. As these are the dreaded germs supposed by some to cause infantile paralysis, and believed to germinate in the nasal mucous membrane, special pains were taken to infect the nostrils and throat with fresh colonies of germs; they were swept over the turbinated bones, pushed into sinuses, swabbed over the floor of the nostrils, rubbed on the tonsils, placed beneath the tongue, taken in milk, water or food; but in spite of coaxing, coddling and urging, they refused to produce a solitary sign of meningitis in the eleven tests made.

Ten experiments were made with mixed germs, viz., typhoid and pneumonia, typhoid and tuberculosis, diphtheria and meningitis, typhoid and meningitis, diphtheria and pneumonia, etc., but all failed to produce any effect.

Chemical Causes of Disease

The experience of ages has shown that many diseases have a chemical (not bacterial) origin; as example, tainted fish, meat or oysters contain a chemical poison that will cause typhoid; the inhalation of chlorine or bromine gas will cause bronchitis and pneumonia—the latter may also be caused by the chemical effect of exposure to cold; sunstroke, by the chemical effect of heat; lead poisoning, by working in lead; stone-cutters or miners phthisis, by the inhalation of coal or mineral particles; Rhus poisoning, by coming in contact with poison ivy; cirrhosis of the liver, through abuse of alcoholic liquors; colic, from eating green apples or unsuitable food; in fact, it is the violation of chemical laws that causes most of our intestinal diseases.

Summary of Facts

1. That germs follow the onset of disease.
2. That many diseases have a chemical origin.
3. That germs may be inhaled or ingested without harm.

Truly a rock foundation.

From the Germ theorist viewpoint it is permissible to dump barrels of an irritant poison

(bleaching powder) into drinking water; from the Biochemic theorist viewpoint that act is maniacal.

From the Germ theorist viewpoint it is reasonable to forbid milkmen to sell or deliver natural milk; from the Biochemic theorist viewpoint that act is criminal.

From the Germ theorist viewpoint it is advisable to quarantine citizens if found carrying certain germs; from the Biochemic theorist viewpoint it is an unwarranted robbery of our citizens' liberty.

Many believe that chlorination protects from typhoid; but the facts that Toronto, with chlorinated water, has an average death rate from typhoid twice that of London, England, with natural water, and that in 1916 we had three times as many deaths from typhoid as in 1915, show their mistake.

Again, while chlorination does not save us from typhoid, being an irritant to the mucous membrane, it favors nephritis and Bright's disease. Toronto's record is suggestive: In 1912, Toronto lost 164 citizens from nephritis (inflammation of kidneys) and Bright's disease; during 1913-1914 the deaths increased, and in 1915 Toronto lost 218 persons from these diseases—an increase of over thirty percent.

Many citizens believe that half-cooked, pasteurized milk is safe, but the facts that Toronto's infantile death rate is twenty-nine percent higher than in London, England, and twice as great as in rural Ontario (both of the latter using natural milk); that the death rate in Toronto Sick Children's Hospital, in the Infant's Home on St. Mary street, and in the R. C. Infant's Home on Power street, increased when they stopped using natural milk, all show clearly that the insane desire to tamper with normal milk has cost Toronto many infantile lives.

Again, when citizens of whatever country realize that they may be quarantined simply because they unknowingly carry some harmless germs, and thousands do so, it is time for them to organize and fight for their personal rights. It is a battle between principles; a fight between later scientific facts and past theories; a question that must be fought out.

The Biochemic theory appeals to humane persons; for, where thousands of small animals have suffered death through Germ theorists' experiments, the experiments here mentioned cost neither life nor health to man or animal. . . . —John B. Fraser, M.D., C.M.



British Comment

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Political Situation

● How soon a "depression" will come, with the consequent storms, no one knows. Probably the Rome talks between the British premier and Il Duce have started something. Mr. Chamberlain is acting the part of a democratic dictator, so much as his position in the government allows him to do. At present there is nothing in sight to threaten his leadership, and as he undoubtedly believes he has a mission to save the peace he is likely to take a place as a dictator.

There are many in the Conservative party, to which the premier owes allegiance, who have a leaning towards the Fascist form of dictatorship: they believe that this promises them a safeguard against the encroachments of the working classes, as they choose to call the manual workers. Liberalism as a political force is almost nonexistent, and the Labor party is not sufficiently numerous at the polls nor sufficiently united in itself to dislodge the present government, nor to take control even if it won a general election.

That there is in the country a majority of those who are of the Left in politics is fairly certain, and if united they could turn out the present national government, but which is, in practice, controlled by the Conservative party; but the variety of opinions and the many interests which are to be served would prevent them from forming a government satisfactory to the people. In the present unrest there is little doubt, were an election to come, that the present form of government would be retained, chiefly because of the necessity of keeping up with the threatening totalitarian powers in Europe. There are many who believe that Chamberlain is no match for the astute and purposeful dictators, and who fear that his policy of appeasement will bring disaster to Britain and the Empire.

All these things are watched by Jehovah's witnesses with the interest of those who know that in them all the purposes of Jehovah are being brought to a conclusion, to the honor and vindication of His great and holy name.

These are giving the witness of His Word, instructed thereby, to the fact that His day is come and that He has set His King upon His hill of Zion. The failure of religionists to declare the things of the Scriptures which God caused to be recorded for this very time, and their openly declared rejection of those prophecies as the Word of God, has brought their rejection by Him. Like the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day they have had the key of knowledge, but have both refused to enter in and kept out those who sought to enter. (See Matthew 23:13; Luke 11:52.) Jehovah's witnesses know that in this day of judgment all the forces of evil are to be destroyed whether they be religious, financial or political, and that with the destruction of these evils there is also that of the invisible forces which under the leadership of the Devil have deceived mankind in all things concerning God and His holy Scriptures.

Employment

● "It is an ill wind that blows no one any good," says the proverb. A special correspondent of the *News Chronicle* who has made a tour of the shipyards and the near-by cities and towns makes the remark that but for Hitler and Mussolini the workers in the shipyards would be in a sorry state. No doubt his remark is true to fact; for there is no increase in general trade, and already ships have difficulty in getting paying cargoes. The rearmament plans, which are costing the country more than one million pounds sterling a day, are keeping the shipyards busy, and that means work is spread through the country in the various forges and industries whose work must go to the building of the war ships. In the meantime the communities connected with the shipbuilding industry are fairly prosperous: there is money to spend, and the shops are busy. Construction of vessels for the carrying-trade services and for transport is poor, as are also the prospects. Some ships for British owners are, in fact, being built in Continental shipyards, partly because of lower costs, but also, it is said, because this is a way of getting interest on foreign loans which might otherwise not be got. The exporting of coals from Newcastle is proverbial knowledge: coal is never taken to Newcastle; but the quantity of its export tonnage is much less than in pre-war days. In the year 1913 the tonnage of coal from the Tyne was over 21,000,000

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tons, whereas in 1937 the amount was only a little over 11,000,000 tons.

By some Parliament is considered to be very lax and slow in action in its attempts to relieve districts where unemployment, both of skilled and of unskilled, is prevalent. There are many obstructive interests in the way; but the rearmament schemes and works are perforce doing something which brings relief, a costly method and necessarily temporary in character. Social services have to be curtailed, and schemes for general improvement shelved, while this special work is on. The big landowners, and big business, lack either inclination or time to give attention to the general welfare of the country and its people. There would be a great outcry if a strong government in peacetime should set about great works of permanent benefit to the country, such as making arterial roads for the great increase of road traffic, improving the present roads, making new docks, settling waste lands, afforestation; but now they must spend the money for guns and ammunition, for aeroplanes, and an increased army and navy, and for hosts of officials. The income tax report at the end of the year 1938 showed that £242,000,000 had to be collected during the following three months if a deficit in the year's balance sheet is not to be shown.

Adoration of the Crib

• Guided by the Scriptures through *The Watchtower* Jehovah's witnesses have for some years past refused to take any part in the religious practices of "Christmas", whether those of organized religion or of the old pagan practices. Everyone knows that the Roman Catholic worship of the "crib" and the high mass on the eve of "Christmas" are the high spot of that church's year. The Roman Catholic must attend mass three times a year, on Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, if he would retain the benefits of his church. The so-called "Protestant" sects content themselves with making the day like a Sunday; but this past Christmas the Church of England, seeing the pulling power of the 'adoration of the crib', thought to try to help their call to religion by it. The archbishop of Canterbury had one fixed in his cathedral. This, to the Kensitites [followers of John Kensit], stalwarts against the practices of Rome in the Church of England, was as a red rag to a bull. They sent a man down to shout out an objec-

tion as the archbishop began the "worship". He called out his piece, and was hustled out of the church. These Kensitites, with their Wycliffe preachers, know the false claims of the Papacy and the danger there is to the liberties of the people, but beyond publishing books and pamphlets against Roman claims and efforts to keep the English church free from its practices they do not go, and they have the usual antipathy of all other religionists to the witness of the Truth. Despite the activities of all the religionists, there is no question that Britain is becoming pagan: it is said that in England not more than 20 per cent of the population pay even lip service to organized religion.

"Folden Together as Thorns"

• The clergy and the preachers have to get themselves into the news. They have tried to make the people believe they hold a commission to establish the kingdom of heaven in the earth; and though they have accomplished so little, they must show they are thinking about the terrible condition into which the world is falling. So whenever a chance comes they hold a conference and get the newspapers to publish a statement. The bitter treatment of the Jews in Europe gave them such a chance, and the Church of England, Non-conformists and Roman Catholics joined in telling how united they are. Then the archbishop of Canterbury called a conference of Protestant parsons, and these unitedly tell all who will listen how shocked they are at the conduct of some (unnamed) harsh rulers. Probably these men were stimulated to this meeting and pronouncement by the pope's many recent broadcasts. Ignoring the Scriptures and the great prophecies these men reveal that they still cling to their hope in a League of Nations. They say they are greatly concerned about the growing paganism of Germany, and because of the open declaration that God must be worshiped through Nazi acknowledgment. They decry the action of any state which sets itself up as God's representative. These clergy know very well that the Roman church is a political organization, and that its pope is the head of a state; but they are no longer protestants, and are well pleased to hide the truth from themselves as well as try to keep it from the people. In his speeches and writings Judge Rutherford has made all this clearly to be seen that the people may know the truth, and thousands are learning

that religion and all its professions are deceptions which must be shunned if light and understanding of the purpose of God is to be gained, and if one would be saved from destruction in the trouble only a little way ahead.

Almost up to the year of the Great War the Church of England rested itself in providing opportunities for its worship; it built a church in each parish and found a parson. The Nonconformists were more aggressive, but they had dropped into comparative ease. The social evils, mainly the result of a hard industrial system, and the agitation of the leaders of Labor got some of the parsons on the move. But the Great War had an eruptive effect on organized religion, and since then they have found that their professions count for little and their creeds and dogmas for less. If they are not to go out of sight altogether they must show they are alive to world conditions and are not merely local units trying to keep alive a dying cause. While the so-called "Protestants" hold conferences the Roman Catholics have got Catholic Action into activity, and the other religionists have to admit that the Roman Church is the most alive of any. It appears that the Hierarchy in Rome is keeping off the League of Nations idea: the League of Nations Union in Britain is almost wholly Protestant or non-Roman Catholic, and that does not suit Rome, playing its game to be on the top when the crisis in religion shows up.

A Witnessing Incident

● One of Jehovah's witnesses tells of his attempts at conversation with some of his fellow train travelers. Opposite to him in a compartment was a dean or bishop of the Church of England, designated as such by his hat strings and gaiters. To get a chance of a witness he quite innocently asked the "reverend" why there should be 200 varied religions in this country, and how they all stand in relation to God—were all acceptable to Him. "Well," said the gentleman, "except for the church of Rome, which stands apart, there is great tolerance"; and, "Really, does it matter very much what one believes, what dogmas he accepts or refuses, if he is a member of a church?" "But," said the friend, "if God has given the Scriptures for the instruction of those who are acceptable to Him, such differences prove there is something seriously wrong." Taking a *Warning* booklet from his

pocket he asked the parson to read it. The parson looked at it and in it, and handed it back; then he reached for his small luggage and got out of the compartment, seeking an easier place. In the compartment were two Salvation Army officers. The friend asked them if they were still preaching the old "hell-fire" gospel. "Oh," said they, "we dropped that twenty years ago." Then, in response, "I suppose you are now telling the people you made a mistake and are doing something to try to correct what you wrongly taught, and do not now believe—or you do not dare to preach it." No, they were not. He added, "But what of the blasphemy on the name of God? How do you stand before Him, if you have preached so terrible a thing in His name, and know it is not true? Ought you not for His name's sake tell the people where you stand in this?" These also found the compartment uncomfortable, and left it to find a cooler place.

They Think Their Houses Shall Endure

● So said the psalmist long ago when speaking of those who are wise according to the wisdom of men, and of fools and brutish persons. Of them he said, "Their inward thought is that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwellingplaces to all generations; they call their lands after their own names." —Psalm 49:10, 11.

Hitler says he has settled Germany for a thousand years. He got very angry when the British premier said of the recent happenings in Europe that they brought forth governments which had their day and passed away.

The Church of England cathedral which is being erected in Liverpool is having a peal of bells cast which are to ring for 500 years—so its principal men say.

The Roman Catholics in Liverpool go one better: their book of remembrance in which the names of donors of £1 are entered is to be in the cathedral for all time. The cathedrals will go into disuse ere long; but the bad records of some men will be remembered in the judgment a thousand years hence.

For Better or Worse

● A solicitor asked a woman at Tottenham police court: "Do you wish to withdraw the allegation you made against your husband?" "Yes," she replied; "I've thought of a worse one."

Steamships

The Queen Elizabeth

♦ The Queen Elizabeth, building at Clydebank, Scotland, is the largest commercial ship in the world. It is 1,030 feet in length, 118 feet beam, and measures 120 feet in depth from the lounge structure to the keel. The tonnage, 85,000, is about 1,500 over that of the Normandie. Experience has shown that these very large and very fast ships are the most economical for their owners. Two ships like the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth, each crossing the ocean in four days, and between them providing a service each way every week, are less expensive to operate than smaller and slower boats, which would require three vessels to do the work of these two mistresses of the deep.

Wild Ways of a Boy

♦ A New York judge is trying to decide what to do with a 13-year-old boy who has been a stowaway on four ocean trips aggregating 20,000 miles of travel. Memory goes back to Frank McNair, a fine, intelligent boy, of good parentage, who made it his business to ride the railways free into every state and city

of the United States, and finally disappeared, in 1890, probably killed in a wreck. The best thing to do with the Brooklyn boy was done; i. e., get him a good job on an ocean liner and let him stay there. It was his wish.

Ocean Liners Silent

♦ Ocean liners are silent when passing Percé, near the tip of Gaspé peninsula, Quebec. The reason is that this has become a bird sanctuary and if the ocean liners blow their whistles the birds on the top of Percé Rock become frightened and, in their haste to seek safety, upset hundreds of their eggs or young into the sea. It is rather a nice thing to know that men are heeding the needs of these little feathered folks.

Aboard the New Sevilla

♦ Aboard the New Sevilla, whaling vessel, seven months in the Antarctic, five men died and five others went insane from the awful job of catching and reducing to oil 1,606 whales. The whales ranged in length from 50 to 115 feet. An average of eight of these monsters was disposed of daily.

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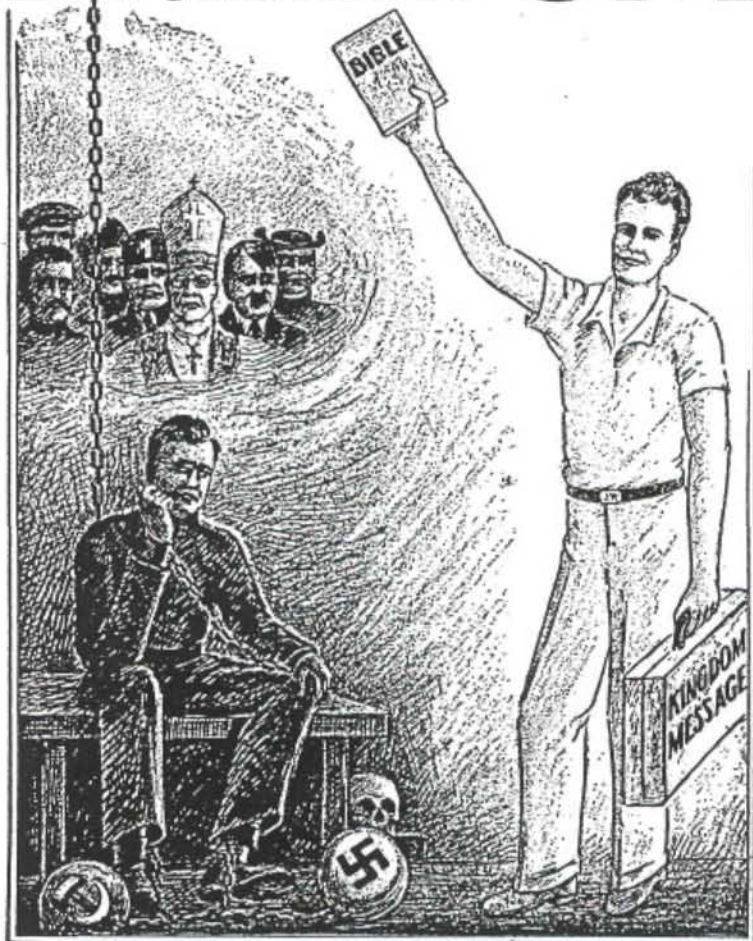
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An Eye to the Future



Young Douglas had reached the age of 7 when he was promoted to the dignity of having a room to himself. His fond parents had furnished it with great care and showed it to him with no little pride and satisfaction.

Douglas viewed it in silence.

"Now, son," said his father, "this furniture is of the best. It will last you a lifetime."

Still Douglas kept silent.

"Don't you like it, Douglas?"

"Oh, yes, I like it. But how do I know my wife will like it?"

Not Guilty!

A big steward stood at the gangway of a big liner, and kept shouting:

"First class to the right; second class to the left."

A young woman stepped daintily aboard with a baby in her arms. As she hesitated before the steward, he bent over her and said, in his chivalrous way:

"First or second?"

"Oh!" said the girl, her face as red as a rose. "Oh, dear, neither—I'm only the nurse."
 —Labor.

O Timothy! Timothy!

Sir George said yesterday: "I hope to light such a candle as will nip in the bud such a tyrannical attempt to gnaw at the impregnable foundations of our Empire's lifeblood. Every Englishman worthy of the name will rise to defend 'the ladies, God bless them', and strike such a blow for these brave little women as will unmask the hidden hand of the Australian hydra which is blighting sweet Imperial womanhood with its iron foot."—Timothy Shy, in the *London News Chronicle*.

Regular Nuisance

The small girl met the doctor near her home.

"You brought a little baby next door, didn't you?" she inquired.

"Yes," he answered: "Shall I bring one to your house?"

"No, thanks," came the prompt reply. "Why, we've scarcely time even to wash the dog."

—Labor.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Goyaz, One of Earth's Treasure-Houses



GOYAZ is the central state of Brazil, being the seventh in area among the twenty-one states of the republic. It is about three times as long as it is wide, running lengthwise north to south. Its area is 288,536 square miles, and the population is estimated at about 1,000,000, which gives a density of a little more than three inhabitants to the square mile.

The altitude varies from 300 to 1,700 meters above sea level; the climate also varies from chilly in the elevated sections to hot and sultry in the low places near the rivers. The central high plateau forms the principal water divide of Brazil, where several of the largest rivers have their sources, amidst beautiful wild scenery. Some running east are tributaries of the Rio S. Francisco, which empties into the Atlantic at Penedo; some run south into the Rio Paranahyba, which empties into the Paraná; others run west and north into the Araguaya and the Tocantins, which empty into the Amazon. Some geologists think that the high plateau of Goyaz was the first dry land that appeared after the great Flood.

Agricultural Possibilities

Goyaz being high and dry, the climate is very pleasant and in general healthful, except along the large water courses, which are malarious during several months of the year, directly after the rainy season and the overflows. But by being careful and taking certain precautions, one can avoid the malarial fevers.

The southern portion of this state is composed mainly of vast rolling and level hills, covered with several varieties of coarse native grasses and, in some places, low, scrubby trees, forming thickets; in others, open pasture lands, or "campos", as they are called in Brazil. Following the main streams there is generally a narrow or wide border of dense

forest, where the land is very fertile and productive; and here the majority of the people live and raise their crops.

Farming is still carried on in a primitive manner. The underbrush and vines are cut with a blade about two inches wide and seven or eight in length, with a curved point, fixed to a handle four feet long; then the large trees are felled with the ax. This is done in the dry season. After two or three months the field is set on fire and all this mass of leaves, branches, creepers, etc., is burned, leaving a thick layer of ashes, and only the large trunks remaining; but these either rot, in a few years, or are reduced to ashes by succeeding fires.

The day after the "conflagration" the farmer begins planting his field. With the corner of the hoe he digs a shallow hole, into which a few grains of corn, rice or beans are dropped, and covers them with his foot. Generally one hoeing out is sufficient to keep down the sprouts and weeds until harvest.

Primitive Methods Still Used

In spite of the demonstration stations, maintained by the Federal Department of Agriculture, free advice and valuable assistance given, even to loaning modern agricultural implements, very few farmers in this state have availed themselves of this help. So the majority of the crops, consisting of rice, corn, coffee, sugar cane, beans, cotton, potatoes, wheat, mandioca (manihot), are still cultivated in this primitive style.

Strange to say, only a small portion of these products are shipped out of the state, due to high freight rates and lack of transportation facilities. Indeed this is the greatest hindrance to the development of the vast natural resources of this wonderful rich state of Brazil. Mandioca or maniva is the poor man's food supply in this country, as it grows on any kind of land.

The native squatter plants a small plot of ground near his dwelling, by burying short pieces of mandioca branches, and in six months he can dig out as many roots as are required for his daily consumption. If roasted in hot ashes the tubers take the place of bread; boiled with a piece of meat or fish mandioca is very palatable and nutritious. It is mostly made into flour or "farinha", by peeling and grating the roots, then thoroughly drying while stirring in wide shallow pans over a mild fire of coals. This farinha can be prepared in many ways for the table. The stalks and roots may be left growing in the field for several years; the older, the larger they grow; some have been measured seven feet in length and have weighed 45 pounds.

The Fruits of Paradise

In the poorly-kept orchards on the farms or in the back yards of the villages are found all the tropical fruits: oranges, limes, lemons, mangoes, mamão or papaya, bananas, peaches, figs, mulberries, quinces, abacates (avocados) or alligator pears, and grapes which bear two crops a year in this state. Among the native and wild fruits must be mentioned guavas, jaboticabas, mangabas, cajús, maracujás, jacas, genipapos and many others. In some localities European fruits can be grown also. In the northern section of the state watermelons can be grown all the year round.

The mangabeira, besides producing a very sweet-smelling and tasty fruit, gives latex which makes a good quality of rubber. In one district there are many miles covered only with wild guava trees, which produce enormous quantities, but all goes to waste. In another region one can travel for leagues through thickets of cajú trees. Every year vast quantities

of this useful fruit ripen, fall on the ground, and rot.

Around Santa Luzia, 15 leagues from the railroad, quinces grow profusely, and the production of "marmelada", or quince preserves, has become an industry there, and the product is sold in all the towns. On an elevated table land large quantities of arnica plant can be gathered, where it grows wild. In some places in the forest vanilla or baunilha grows and produces abundantly, but no one gathers it, although it brings a good price.

Mineral Treasures

No doubt Goyaz is one of the richest regions in this country in minerals. Here have been found rich deposits of iron, rutilo, nickel, gold, diamonds, mica, kaolin, slate, graphite, ocher of all colors, fine clay for brick, tile and china ware, silver, crystal, etc.

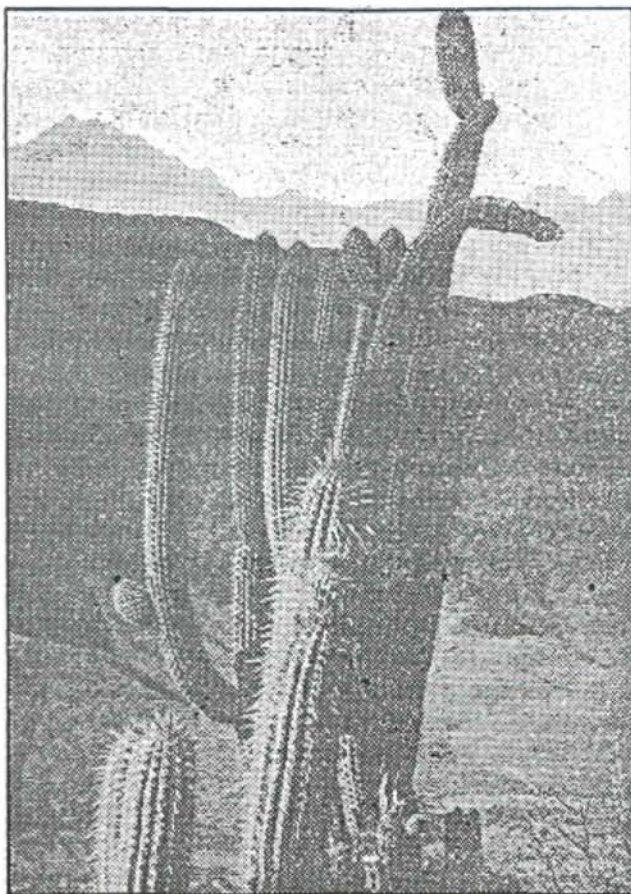
The crystals from Goyaz have been pronounced of the finest grade in the world, due to not having the least trace of iron. The nickel mine near S. José do Tocantins extends over a large tract of land, and is second only to the famous Caledonia mine

in quantity and percentage. Lately another large mine of the same ore has been discovered near the old capital, Goyaz.

Near Trinidad, for many miles the stagnant water is covered with a film of oil smelling strongly of petroleum, showing evidence of a rich oil supply near the surface, awaiting to be tapped. Unfortunately only small amounts of these minerals are being mined and exported at present.

Washing Out Gold by Hand

Gold is washed out in a primitive way. The gold-bearing gravel is taken from the bottom of the rivers, or formations near a stream,



On the slopes of the Andes

and washed in a wooden basin by a circular motion, repeatedly pouring out the dirty water with the debris, letting in clean water by dipping the "batêa" or basin in the stream, until only the small flakes of gold are left with the heaviest material.

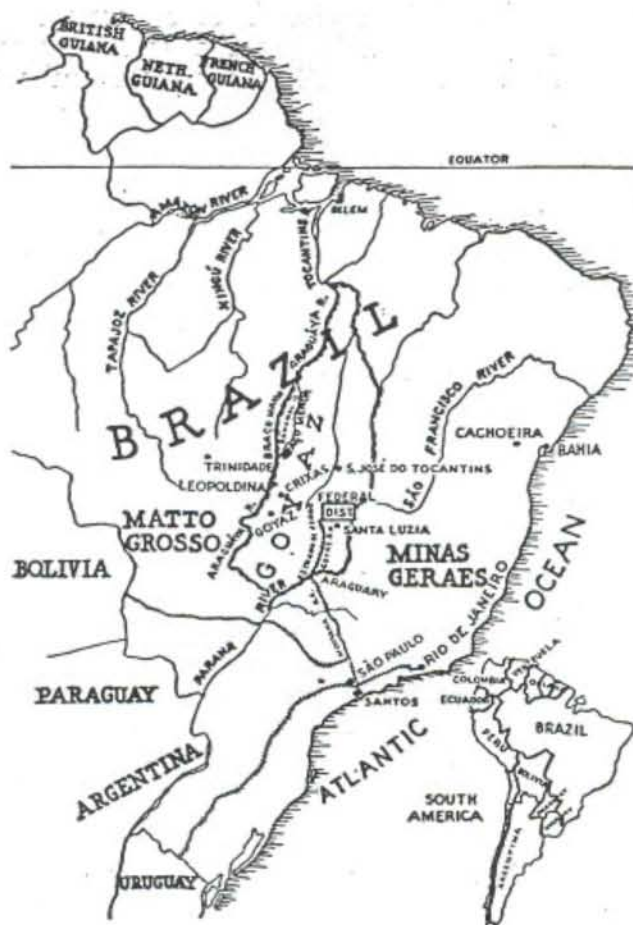
To accomplish this feat advantageously, the gold-seeker must stand in the stream. Yet in this primitive manner is obtained from 15\$000 to 20\$000 worth of gold per day, equal to about one U. S. A. dollar. When the "garimpeiro" has consumed the amount of food and "cachaca" (gin) he can purchase with that amount, then only will he go back to seek for more. The same process is employed to secure diamonds.

It is claimed that during the time of slavery in Brazil many troops of pack mules were sent off loaded with gold from Goyaz. One of the main centers of production was around the old capital. They say that even now after a heavy rain small nuggets are picked up by schoolboys from the gutters in the streets of the old city.

At another ancient town, Crixá, 40 leagues beyond, there is a rich gold mine, now abandoned because of the distance and lack of transportation. They say that in the steeple of the old church at Crixá there is a bell, about one meter high and nearly a meter wide at the mouth, made of gold and silver taken from the mines and cast there about a century ago.

After freedom was given to the slaves in Brazil, in 1888, most of the gold mining was abandoned in this as well as in other sections of the country. Yet at present there are many

people engaged in making their living by washing out gold and diamonds by hand in several places in Goyaz and Matto Grosso. The larger number of "garimpeiros" collect wherever the turnout is best. At one place over 5,000 are at work.



Goyaz, one of earth's treasure-houses

The future home of uncounted millions; high, healthful, well-watered, fertile, productive, a land of all manner of fruits, a land of gold, diamonds, silver, fine clays, forests, fibers, great rivers and indescribably beautiful scenery, but cursed by religion.

and farm produce being carried in large, strong baskets made of bamboo, one hung to each side of the pack saddle.

The palm family is well represented in this state, as here many varieties grow promiscuously, some of them very valuable. From the leaves of one small palm, the "tucum", is taken a fiber much stronger than linen, of which the Indians make their fish lines, nets, etc. The graceful "burity" in great numbers lends a distinctive mark to the landscape, with

Trees That Manufacture Cloth

In the forests are found a great variety of medicinal herbs, beautiful orchids, valuable timbers and curious plants. The bark of one kind of trees can be stripped off in thin layers from one to two feet wide and as long as required; after drying it becomes dark brown, very strong, and a good imitation of thick cloth. Where these trees grow the Indians sew two or three strips together, which they use for blankets.

There are many kinds of hollow canes or bamboo, of which the Indians and natives make many useful articles, such as baskets, mats, sieves, etc.

Where the roads are not suitable for oxcarts, or the people are too poor to possess them, all transportation is done on pack mules, the goods

its large, fan-shaped leaves growing along the banks of the streams and swampy lands. It bears several bunches a year of dark brown, varnished nuts, about the size and shape of an egg. Between the outer shell and the kernel there is a soft white mass, which can be made into a tasty and nutritious sweetmeat. Some of these bunches weigh 120 pounds. From the young leaves, torn in strips, strong cords and hammocks are made.

It would require a volume to describe all the different kinds of palms growing wild here, but before passing on special mention should be made of the "Babuassú" palm, the most important of all. These are encountered in untold numbers, literally covering vast tracts of land, in this as well as in other northern states. It grows everywhere, bears graceful leaves, some measuring 10 feet wide and 25 feet long. There are from 200 to 300 cocos in each cluster, from two to six clusters on a tree. From the kernels the natives prepare oil for seasoning food and for their lamps.

A few years ago it was discovered that babuassú oil is a most important industrial product, splendid for lubricating purposes, and a good basis for soap manufacture; it provides a vegetable butter considered better than that from cows' milk; it gives a combustible oil of first quality for internal-combustion motors; it is superior to kerosene oil; the shells produce more calories than mineral oil, therefore making an excellent combustible for railway locomotives. If there were navigation facilities available, unlimited quantities of this valuable product of nature could be easily shipped down the Araguaya and Tocantins rivers to the port of Belém on the Amazon and from there exported to foreign markets where there is a growing demand for it, thereby bringing in large capital, so much required for developing other natural resources.

An Unexplored Utopia

The watershed draining towards the north, composing the largest portion of the state, is covered with virgin forests and rough grazing lands, where droves of wild deer and ostriches roam at will, most of it unexplored. The land is very fertile and productive, and only a few scattered dwellers are found, along the large streams, who subsist mainly by hunting and fishing. Very little is known of the valuable resources to be found in this vast wilderness, lying as nature left it. A few tribes

of wild Indians are found still wandering over this territory.

Waterfalls are plentiful. The most important are found on the Paranahyba river, which marks the boundary between the state of Minas Geraes and Goyaz. The beautiful "Cachoeira Dourada", or Golden Cataract, deserves special notice, being estimated to produce electric current equal to 400,000 horsepower. There are many others of smaller capacity. Most of the principal towns have electric lights and power.



It is almost impossible to describe the beautiful scenery on the Araguaya river, which divides Goyaz from Matto Grosso. Long stretches of wide, white, sandy beaches, where great numbers of waterfowl of many kinds and of gorgeous colors collect in search of food. Both margins of the stream, which is from a quarter to a half mile wide, present a dense wall of dark green, the outline of which is so clearly reflected by the sunlight or moonlight, in the gently flowing waters, while droves of parrots of different sizes and bright hues fly overhead, keeping up an incessant chatter, from the small green parakeet to the large blue-black and yellow-breasted macaws, or "araras", as they are called. Then come the big "tocoanos" (toucans), with yellow and red bills, eight inches in length, wearing a black coat with bright red vest; also lovely white cranes, storks, ducks and kingfishers. But lack of space will not permit a description of all the species of birds and game found in this wonderful region.

This river is also famous for the quantity and variety of fish that come up every year during the overflows to spawn. Then as the waters go down tons of fish are caught in the depressions, where they soon die and decay as the water dries away. Here many wild animals and birds of prey collect to gorge themselves. The largest fish found in this river is the "Pirarucú", sometimes weighing 150 pounds. When salted and dried the flesh is more nutritious than codfish. What fine prospects for the establishment of a cannery!

Earth's Largest Inland Island

Many go to the Araguaya to appreciate the fine and novel scenery. At one place the river divides into two branches: the smaller, flowing to the east, is called "Braço Menor", and the larger, to the west, "Braço Maior"; they meet again at the lower end of an island

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300 kilometers [186 miles] long by 50 to 60 kilometers [31 to 37 miles] in width. It is considered the largest inland island in the world. It is covered with forests and fine grazing fields for raising cattle, and is inhabited by two tribes of tame Indians, the Carajás and the Javahés, who subsist on what they can find in the woods and the river.

A Catholic mission post was opened there some years ago to attempt to catechize them. A Protestant missionary also opened a branch there and started teaching the Indians and Brazilian settlers, but the Catholic bishop, hearing of his activities, and having a strong pull with the state government, succeeded in having the American missionary expelled and prohibited from returning to the island during five years.

So in spite of separation of church and state since the advent of the republican government in Brazil, which guarantees equal freedom to all creeds, we find the Catholic organization still holding sway and having their own way in most cases.

This interesting island called "Ilha do Bananal" is considered one of the richest mineral regions in this state, especially in gold and diamonds. Malarial fevers and other tropical diseases during six months of the year are the principal drawbacks that hinder the development of the hidden treasures of this region.

There are many curious and interesting insects encountered here, which cannot be described for lack of space, but, before going on, notice should be given to bees, of which there are many wild species. They produce honey, making their nests in hollow trees. Although the "*Apis Melifera*", tame or European bees, are very seldom raised by the inhabitants, they are met with everywhere, making their hives and storing away large stocks of honey in hollow trees, also under the ledges of rock or in the caves on the sides of banks and cliffs, where the honeycombs reach from the roof to the floor. From one of these caves full of bees, 18 tins holding 20 liters [about 5¼ gallons] each were taken at one time full of honey.

A Progressive Interventor

Before November, 1937, the governors of the several states in Brazil were called presidents; since then they are called Federal Interventors. In 1932 the present "interventor", Dr. Pedro Ludovico, decided to transfer the

capital of this state from the old city of Goyaz, which is badly situated and a great distance from the railway, to a more central and accessible point.

After examining several places, finally preference was given to a nice tract of open land with a gradual slope, only 12 leagues from the present terminus of the railroad, surrounded by forests. The new capital was named Goyania. Here work soon began according to carefully drawn plans, opening wide streets and avenues, leading off from a central circular plaza, like spokes from the hub of a wheel. Around this plaza were constructed the principal public buildings, both state and federal, while the surrounding plots were sold to private individuals, who are rapidly building their modern-style bungalows for residence or for rent, besides many stores and shops. So there is much work, trading and traffic going on, and newcomers are arriving every day. What was only a grass-covered field a few years ago has now been transformed into a thriving center of activity, and it is anticipated that this infant city will soon become one of the most important in the interior of Brazil.

All this has been accomplished due to the courage and tenacity of one man, Dr. Pedro Ludovico, who had to overcome many difficulties and fight against much opposition. There are still some hard heads who insist and hope that the capital will be moved back to the old city, which is gradually losing its importance, and many houses are being vacated. The great effort and success of this enterprise is considered one of the most important achievements in this country.

On an elevated plateau, where the principal rivers have their sources, 1,600 meters above sea level, a section many miles square has been surveyed and reserved by the Federal government, where, to this high, healthful spot, it is expected to move, in some future time, the capital of the republic from Rio de Janeiro.

Motor Roads, but Few Railroads

Nearly all the towns and cities in this state are connected by motorcar roads, but most of them are in bad condition, requiring repairs. Still a great amount of traffic is carried on by truck and motorcars, in spite of the high price of gasoline, which is sold at about ten times the price at which it is delivered in Santos. The old solid, wooden wheel oxcarts,

with fixed axle, loudly screeching, drawn by from three to seven yoke of oxen, are slowly giving way to modern and more rapid means of transport.

There is only one railroad in Goyaz, which reached Anapolis, the present terminus, three years ago, about 300 kilometers from the boundary with Minas Geraes. This railroad (Estrada de Ferro Goyaz) starts from Araguay, the terminus of the Mogyana Railroad. Due to being the stopping-point of the railway, Anapolis is growing rapidly and is one of the busiest towns, as here a large amount of commerce is carried on with other districts, and many traders, agents and tourists are constantly passing by. From S. Paulo to Anapolis takes two days' travel by train.

Besides this, there is another means of reaching the interior of Goyaz, by taking passage at Belém on the Amazon on one of the small steamers that make irregular trips up the Araguaya river to Leopoldina, the last port of navigation on that river; but this latter route is very seldom used, due to the time required for the trip.

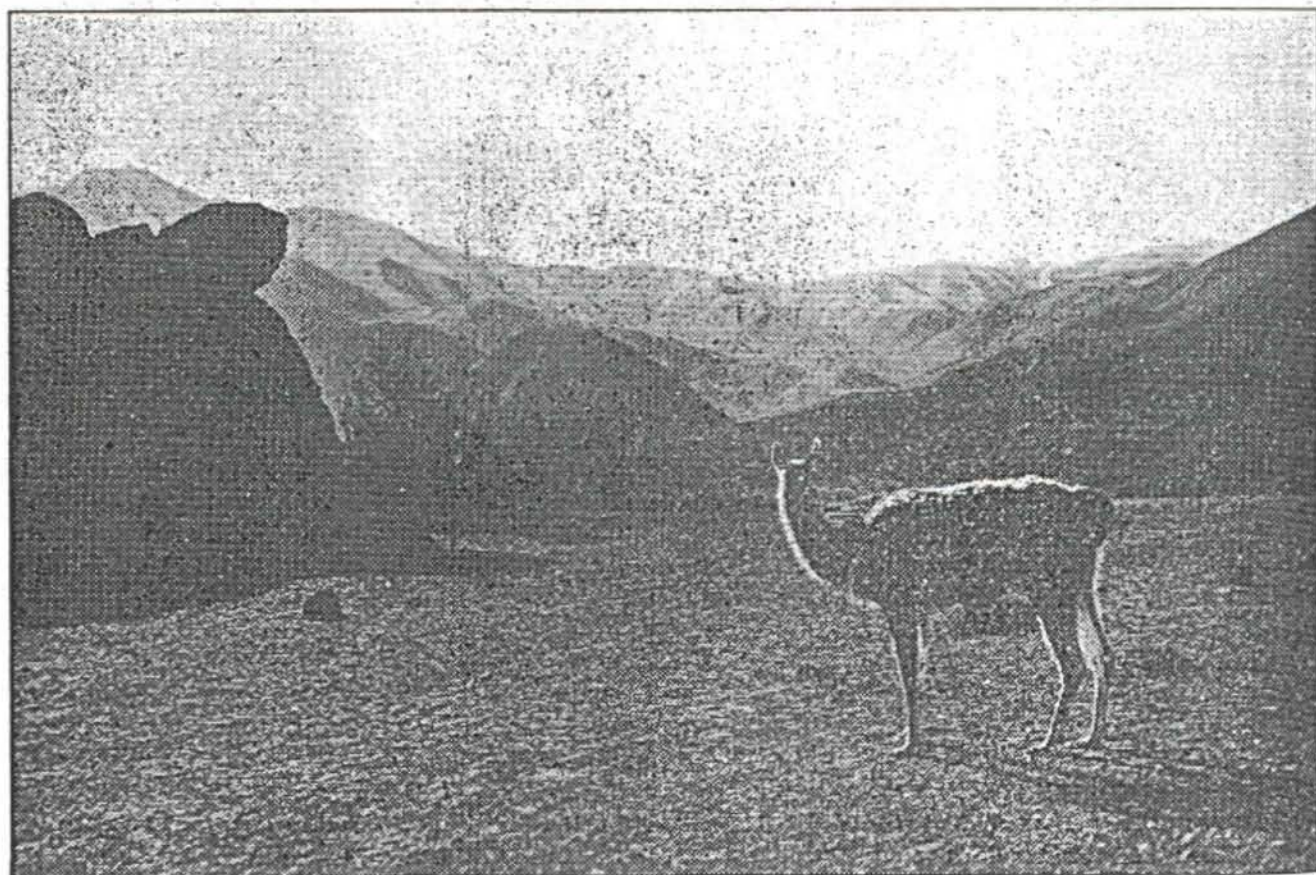
The Religious Racket



In Goyaz, as in other places in Brazil where the Catholic priests hold sway, there are several localities where yearly festivals are held, dedicated to some of the many "saints" of their own invention. According to the fame and material resources, a larger or smaller structure is built, erroneously called a "church", where all the images, candles, crucifixes and other gewgaws are kept.

To make the business pay well, pilgrims must be attracted; so the rumor is spread relating the great healing powers attributed to that special "saint" whose name is given to the church and town. Wonderful stories are told of persons arriving there in the last stages of some dangerous or incurable disease and being suddenly cured by repeating a prayer before the image or by using some "Agua Benta", that is, water "blessed" by the Catholic priest. So the fame spreads far and wide.

Before a certain day set for the opening of festivities, which sometimes last from eight



Llama enjoying himself in the Andes

to fifteen days, people begin to arrive from every direction, some taking more than a month to make the trip. They come on foot, and on horseback, but most of them travel in oxcarts, covered with dried raw hides, like the old-time covered wagons used en route to the California gold fields before the railroads were built. Some come in simple faith to fulfill a promise made to one of the "saints" during the year; others, for curiosity; but most of them come to make money by trading and gambling.

Temporary sheds covered with palm leaves and tents are set up all round the "church"; among these gambling stands are in evidence, as all kinds of betting is allowed. The people require food; so some fix up stands to sell coffee, bread, sandwiches, hot-dogs, rum, etc. Temporary barber shops are plentiful; trinkets, toys, cosmetics and articles of wear of every description are spread on tables or on the ground, all trying to make the best of the opportunity to make their racket pay the most.

The Biggest Rake-Off

But the main racket is in the hands of the priests, who make themselves conspicuous, moving among the crowds, dressed in black gowns, red socks and queer three-cornered hats, ever ready and waiting to receive the presents of every description and sums of money offered to the "saint", from poor and rich.

So between the pickpockets, gamblers, and the priests, the poor ignorant people are robbed of their hard-earned sayings during the year; but the pope's agents generally get the lion's share of the rake-off. Naturally the main attraction of the show is the procession. Two lines of little girls take the lead, dressed in white, with wings on their shoulders to appear as angels; then come several images, each one supported on poles, carried on the shoulders of four men; next the chief priest walking with solemn stride, with his eyes fixed on a little book held in his hand; a silver crucifix hangs below his waist, suspended by a cord around his neck; a yellow canopy with gold embroidery is carried over his head, at-



tached to poles held by four lackies walking at his side; then come other priests with sedate faces, followed by the brass band playing an anthem in a subdued and measured tone; next come two files of men dressed in purple mother-hubbards, carrying lighted candles in their hands; then in the rear the people follow in a solid mass, all trying to keep as near as possible to the main actor in the show.

The procession follows a certain route around the church square or through the streets of the town, all looking as grave as possible. Then as the parade returns and the images begin entering the church door, the bells start ringing, dozens of sky-rockets shoot up, each one carrying three bombs which explode high in the air, and at short intervals larger bombs fixed to a frame in front of the church fall as the fire releases them and burst with a loud report equal to a cannon. As the people enter the door each one makes the sign of the cross. On the last day of the festa an auction is held, at which most of the presents offered to the "saint" are sold to the highest bidder. This is a great source of revenue for the "church".

It is strange to see the variety of articles that are offered: from a yoke of oxen down to cakes, bordered cushions and towels, etc. At one of these heathen feasts held yearly it was estimated that about 5,000 oxcarts were seen at a place called "Agua Suja", that is, Dirty Water; quite appropriate when considering the number of dirty lies taught by the crafty Catholic priests.—Vergilio Ferguson, Brazil.

Milk Problems in Brazil

◆ A picturesque feature of São Paulo life is doomed to pass away with the advance of "civilization". Already an ordinance has been passed forbidding goats as well as cows to be driven through the streets and milked at the doors of the houses. The cows have disappeared, but the patrons of goat milk raised such a clamor of protest that the ordinance has not yet been enforced so far as the goats are concerned.

Sometimes the goat herders are as sharp bargainers as the venders of other wares. In a certain home, agreement was made to furnish a half liter of milk each morning at a stipulated price per month. A pitcher with a mark indicating $\frac{1}{2}$ liter [about a pint] was taken out every morning to be filled. For a

time all went well, but after a while it was noticed that, although the pitcher came in brimming over with foam, after a few minutes the foam was gone and about half a glass of milk was lacking. Upon close observation it was noted that the goat girl held the pitcher at some distance from the goat's bag, thus giving much foam and less milk. When this had continued for a time, it was called to her attention that the milk supply was short and that there was too much foam. With a serious countenance she said: "Ah! that is because the black goat is not being milked now. She doesn't give so much foam. Please excuse." —Maud R. Yuille, Brazil.

"Yea, They May Forget, Yet Will Not I"

◆ When they rebuild the wrecked cities of southern Chile there will doubtless be, in Chillan, a statue of Guillermo Diaz. This 15-year-old boy was night watchman at the electric power station, and at the first shock he ran outdoors—as any sensible person would—and reached safety in an open plaza.

And then he perceived that the shocks were continuing; he reflected that in every house in Chillan there would be broken wires, and that if there were still electric current in those wires every home was likely to become an oven for its inhabitants. So he went back.

Walls were falling all around him; but he got in. He turned off the current—and then the power station crashed in ruins and they found his body the next day, with his hands still on the switches. It would be impertinent to attempt any comment on the fact: he was safe, but he went back.—New York Times.

German Hops for Sao Paulo

◆ The Antarctica brewery, São Paulo, Brazil, received a shipment of "hops" from Germany. A case fell over on its side, burst open, and disclosed a machine gun. Other cases were examined with similar result, and now the Brazilian government is guarding the Antarctica brewery with Federal troops.

Disclosing the Same Design

◆ Disclosing the same design as the Pyramids of Egypt, the "Temple of the Sun", built at Pachacamac, Peru, by the pre-Incas, was an enormous pyramid, rectangular in shape, with steps on the outside leading to a platform at the top on which was erected an "Image of the Sun".

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Hospitality at Lima

◆ Hospitality at Lima, Peru, was handicapped by the pro-Fascist attitude of the Peruvian government. Newspapermen had their desks broken into and contents searched by detectives. They could not go in or out of their hotel without running a gauntlet of detectives. Agents provocateurs attempted to involve them in local politics. Telephonic communication was cut by the censor, and finally it was necessary for a correspondent of the New York Times to go to another country in order to be able to send an uncensored dispatch to his own paper.

Earth's Finest Panama Hat

◆ Earth's finest panama hat weighs only six ounces, but cost \$105, and required the work of an expert for a total of about 1,000 working hours. It is owned by the president of Mexico, and was made in Ecuador, whence come all the finest hats.

Welcoming the Prodigal

◆ Germany has been welcoming the prodigal home, especially if he had collected a fortune in the land of his adoption. About 2,000 were lured back from Brazil, under the impression that thereafter they would lead lives of ease and respectability. Not finding everything rosy, some wished to return to Brazil. They were allowed to take ten marks (about \$2) out of the country. One gentleman from São Paulo got saucy, whereupon his fortune of \$100,000 was confiscated and he was given eight months in prison to think it over.

Ecuador's Oldest Man

◆ The Office of Identification of the Republic of Ecuador finds that Garces Castro, Las Ramas, high in the Andes, was born in Balzar in the year 1808 and is therefore 130 years of age and the oldest man in the republic. He is still in vigorous health.

U. S. Judiciary

Some Juridical Items



Some juridical items to those that love American institutions are: (1) Four of the Scottsboro boys have been freed, despite the lies of the prosecutrix, Victoria Price, and the unfairness of the trial judge Callahan. (2) Chicago police prevented the showing of films of the Memorial Day massacre, and while in their care the photographer who attempted to show them received two broken ribs. (3) At Alcoa, Tennessee, eight strikers were shot and an investigation showed that seven of them were shot in the back, Chicago style. (4) It is now illegal in Weehawken, New Jersey, for anybody to call from house to house. (5) At Tallahassee, Florida, four blocks from the capitol two Negroes were taken out of the county jail without waking the jailer, were carried four miles out of town and were shot to death. It was necessary to open six doors to get at the victims in the jail. (6) No one has yet been punished for the Tampa floggings and kidnappings, and there is little reason to expect they ever will. In Florida murder is considered merely a harmless pastime. (7) In Chicago Judge Hermes was reprimanded by the Bar Association for conduct in the Schwim-

mer and Schlacka cases (the latter one of Jehovah's witnesses) unworthy of a judge at a kennel show.

The Appointment of Frankfurter

◆ The appointment of Felix Frankfurter to the United States Supreme Court is generally conceded to have been an excellent one. Born in Vienna, Professor Frankfurter learned his first English in 1894, at which time he was 12 years of age. In eight years he worked his way through the City College of New York. Four years later he graduated from Harvard Law School with highest honors. He endeared himself to all honest men by opposing the judicial lynching of the two innocent men Sacco and Vanzetti, and it was he who brought the Mooney case prominently to the front back in the days of Woodrow Wilson. General Hugh Johnson described him as "the most influential single individual in the United States".

Honest Federal Judge Caffey

◆ In New York city honest Federal Judge Caffey sent to prison a contractor who paid his workmen on WPA jobs one wage and billed the government for a larger sum. Looks almost like the Millennium, doesn't it?

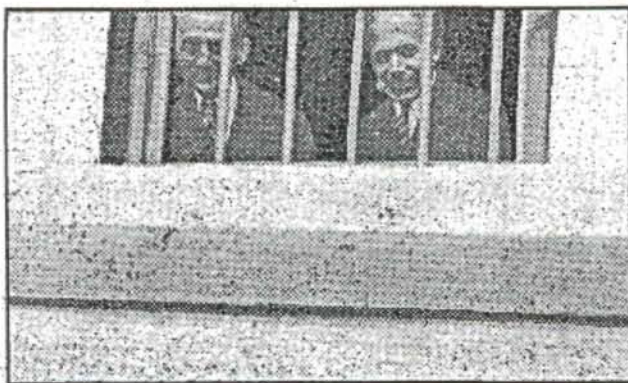


The Battle in Jamaica

◆ The former mayor of Kingston, who caused Jehovah's witnesses to be taken into court some time ago, is not re-elected. The new mayor gave us the privilege of delivering lectures in the Race Course for three nights. Over 1,500 persons heard the lectures, and much interest was shown. There are 105 phonographs in use in the work in the island; also 7 portable transcription machines and 2 sound-cars, and, by God's help, we expect to tan the old woman's [Roman Hierarchy's] hide.—P. H. Davidson, Jamaica.

Not in a Gilded Cage

◆ In Louisiana, where police with force and arms prevented the holding of meetings to worship God, where courts take dictation from Catholic priests, and where Jehovah's witnesses are maliciously charged with distributing Fascist literature, the Catholic Hierarchy still manifests an insane desire to establish the Roman inquisition. The annexed cut shows J. Cudunas and F. Papalexis receiving the involuntary hospitality of the police at Klotzville, Louisiana. The case is still pending, but the boys do not seem to be worried.



Not in a gilded cage

"Who's 'We'?"



Conversation in ritzy portion of Minneapolis:

"Have you received your copy of this vitally important Christian message, *Cure*? If not, this is your copy. The contribution cost is one cent, but, in any event, we want you to read it. If not convenient to contribute, please accept it as a gift from the Lord, and read it; will you?"

"Who's 'we'?"

"'We' is the Watch Tower Society, publishers of the booklet, written by Judge Rutherford."

"Judge Rutherford! To hell with him!"

"Don't you want the booklet?"

"No! Don't you know Judge Rutherford is a Communist?"

"No; he is not."

"Yes, he is, and his magazine *Consolation* is Communistic!"

"No, it is not; I have read it."

"So have I! Judge Rutherford is anti-everything. He is at the head of a large group of Communists. I know! We have investigated him in New York."

"Who's 'we'?"

Door bangs.—Donald Kjorlien, Minnesota.

Brief History of WBBR

◆ It was on a Sunday, February 24, 1924, that WBBR sent its first scheduled radio program to a small but eager and excited metropolitan radio audience. We say "a small audience" because in those days radio was young and few were the "bugs" that expended time on this new contraption that within a decade was to revolutionize and so vitally affect the educational, social, entertainment—yes, even political and economic—structure

of the world. Today—only fifteen years later—there are ten million radio sets within the hearing of WBBR and few people anymore would think of getting along without a radio in the home. Radio has assumed a dominant place in the educational and economic life of the present generation.

Of all the stations in the world, WBBR stands unique. All God-fearing and honest persons will admit that the most worth-while—in fact, the only really worth-while—cause to which any radio station can be devoted is the honoring of Jehovah God and the unselfish service of man. Present greedy and selfish world conditions serve but to emphasize this point. At a time when radio in general has become a commercial problem-child and is so generally devoted to honoring men

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Jehovah's Kingdom publishers in Rio Grande do Sul, farthest southern Brazil

rather than God, it is like finding a beautiful flower in a patch of ugly weeds to come across a station that honors the great God of the universe and unselfishly serves the best interests of its fellow creatures. This the Watchtower station has consistently done since its inaugural broadcast.

WBBR has established an enviable reputation for its consistently good music, but the really distinctive and most noteworthy feature of its history is the message of hope and comfort from the Scriptures, sent daily to a bewildered and heart-sick public, in the Bible lectures of Judge Rutherford.

KINGDOM INSTRUCTION, by this the world's foremost Bible authority, not only is a well-liked feature at WBBR, but is, in fact, the very cornerstone on which the station rests. What other radio station in the world is exclusively devoted to informing the people of God's Kingdom as the only hope of the world? How many stations on your dial ignore the commercial opportunities of radio broadcasting so that

they might the better serve people of good will with information worth more than all the silver and gold? What other radio station in the world day after day deals out the life-giving truths from God's Word? Surely you will agree that WBBR occupies a position

unique in radio broadcasting! And who is responsible for all this? Certainly no man. The radio belongs to God, who created it. It appears to be the Lord's good pleasure to maintain, in a world that so wantonly misuses all of His handiwork for selfish gain, one radio station which is truly devoted to His service and immovably stands for the honor of His name.

Truly then, even as

many of you in your fan mail attest, WBBR is more than just "another radio station". It is part of Jehovah's publicity channel, set apart from Satan's commercial organization. God's manifest blessing on WBBR during the past fifteen years is the best commentary on the public interest, convenience and necessity so adequately served by this station.



The whole group at Rio Grande do Sul
—with their little ones

A Happy Family



Here is a good one; too good to keep. My husband is the editor of a daily newspaper with a wide circulation. Yet he goes all over the city in the witness work and tells the people that "among all the newspapers and magazines, *Consolation* is the only one that IS NOT AFRAID TO PUBLISH THE TRUTH, because it carries no advertising and is not controlled by Big Business".

All the late *Informants* have been strongly advocating keeping the sound equipment working. We wonder how many others are realizing the joy we are experiencing in having Judge Rutherford accompany us nearly every place we go and give warning and instruction to the people concerning Jehovah's purposes.

We secure all the neighborhood territory on every side, and then we make a *real* call on our neighbors. They hear the message and nearly always get it also in printed form, and they invite us back. When we go back, it is with the phonograph and they know just what to expect. We never take time to visit friends or relatives or attend parties or other gatherings without the phonograph. If we call on someone in the hospital, we take the phonograph and let all in the ward hear the message of good cheer. We spend from five to ten hours on Sundays working with the phonograph, and Saturday afternoons and nights. We find no better time to work with the phonograph than nights; for often all the family are home and at leisure and sometimes guests are being entertained.

Let none think they must have a car to work thus with a phonograph. We have no car, and have walked as far as twelve miles on a Sunday. Each day our joy increases for the manifold privileges and blessings Jehovah bestows upon us, and, by His grace, we shall never falter or slack our hands in this grand and glorious work.

What charm does Judge Rutherford's voice hold for little canaries? and what terror does

it strike to the hearts of "dumb dogs"? These thoughts come to mind in our experience with the phonograph. So many homes have canaries, but we do not see them as we enter, and not till Judge Rutherford's voice begins to resound through the room telling about God's kingdom of peace and righteousness. Then the canaries join with J. R. in a duet, almost bursting their throats with the melodious strains, and when the record is completed they are silent. Are they, we wonder, singing for joy, looking forward to the time of which J. R. is speaking: the time of their release, when they shall be free to join their feathered friends in the beautiful woodland?

As, from time to time, the dogs slink under the stove to hide, growling throughout the phonograph talk, we wonder, Is this a picture of the real dumb dogs (Isa. 56:10) who really growl when they hear the message of truth pointing to the time of their utter banishment, their FINAL EXIT,—not un-

der the stove, but into oblivion?—Mrs. Benjamin F. Myers, Pennsylvania.

P.S. My husband had the "Safety" record on at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McElwain in this town. Baby Frances, 18-month-old, seemed entranced and stood beside the phonograph, which had been placed on a chair, listening intently all the time. She is not able to talk much yet, but when the vast audience shouted "Aye" the little darling came in at the end with her "Aye" so loudly that it almost frightened us all. "A little child shall lead them." Of course her parents got the *Enemies* book.

"The Virgins Her Companions"

◆ The word "companion" is derived from two Latin words: *cum*, meaning "with", and *panis*, "bread." Literally, therefore, the word means 'one who shares bread with another'. How fitting that the people of good will who now take their stand on the side of Jehovah should be styled in the Scriptures companions of the bride of Christ! (Psalm 45:14)—James A. Williams, Lithuania.

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Witnessing in Saskatchewan
Motorcycle equipped for winter travel

The Keystone State

Benighted Pennsylvania



Pennsylvania, the Keystone State, which believes in beating and choking school children, and denying them education and even medical attention unless they perform acts of idolatry forbidden by the Scriptures, now adds to its laurels. Because a niece went blind from vaccination John Marsh served 375 days in jail rather than have his 8-year-old son Eugene vaccinated with pus of uncertain origin. Then the district attorney of his county, acting with the approval of the State Department of Justice, sought a court warrant with the intent of arresting the boy, charging him with juvenile delinquency for obeying his father, and intended to vaccinate him anyway. The same State Department of Justice should now demand amnesty for the gentlemen in charge of Holmesburg, Pennsylvania, prison who baked four prisoners to death. Also, the legislature should send a committee to Germany to ascertain the latest achievements in cussedness and meanness, and after submitting them to Cardinal Dougherty, put them into effect in the state that was once the state of William Penn—the only state in the United States where the Indians ever received a square deal. America is still behind Germany and Italy, but is coming along fine.

Another Milton

♦ The *Pittsburgh Press*, one of the very best newspapers in the United States, chancing to note that Hague's new man in the United States Senate is named John Milton, forcefully calls to attention that other John Milton, who, arraigned before Parliament for publishing uncensored literature, said:

Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties! Though all the winds of doctrine were let loose to play upon the earth, so truth be in the field, we do injuriously, by licensing and prohibiting, to misdoubt her strength. Let her and falsehood grapple. Who ever knew truth put to the worse in a free and open encounter?

To England's Milton, as much perhaps as to any one man, we owe that first amendment to our Constitution—Article I of the Bill of Rights—with its guarantees of freedom of speech, of press, of peaceable assembly.—*Pittsburgh Press*.

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Nice Question for the Wise

♦ Patent No. 2,101,048, issued to the Textile Machine Works, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, contains 170 pages of drawings and 146 specifications, and is the bulkiest single patent ever issued. When the machines thus patented are in operation the pressing of a single electric button will produce twenty-six full-fashioned stocking blanks at a time, with the result that a single operator will then be able to operate an entire factory. Here is a nice question for the wise. They will now rise up and explain (after they have shown what great profits will accrue to the owners of the machines) just what will be done with the thousands of expert operators in hosiery mills that will thereafter not be needed at all. If they were men it would be easy: start another war and kill them off. But they are women, and it is the women, principally, that wear the full-fashioned silk hose; and it is not so clever, after all, to kill off all your customers.

Home Owners Loan Corporation

♦ In Pennsylvania, according to the *Philadelphia Record*, the Home Owners Loan Corporation makes the unique boast that it gets its money at 3 percent, but charges 5 percent to home owners, with the result that of 58,000 Pennsylvanians who have been "helped" by it 7,000 have already lost their homes, 7,000 more are involved in foreclosure, and another 9,000 are so far in arrears with their payments that foreclosure is almost certain for them also. That is 40 percent of the total, and makes the H.O.L.C. look like a strong cat given the job of caring for the interests of a group of frightened mice.

Making Progress at Hickory

♦ In grammar class at Hickory, Pa., high school a boy was asked to correct the sentence, "Girls is naturally better looking than boys." He corrected it all right, and brought down the house with the revision, "Girls is artificially better looking than boys."

Asleep Between the Rails

♦ Asleep between the rails, an 18-month-old child, at Kittanning, Pa., had a 100-car train roar over him, giving him only a slight cut in the forehead.

Italy

Italian Diplomacy

◆ I think those members who have ever conducted diplomatic negotiations with Italians know how very well they put their case. It is the method of the corkscrew. The tip of the corkscrew is placed gently, charmingly, sweetly on the top of the cork and nothing happens. The bottle is placed in the right position—it is called "good relations" or "ending the vendetta"—and suddenly there is a twist and the cork begins to squeak.

They have a perfect system of inventing something they don't want, of clamoring for it and saying: "We will die if we don't get it," and when they get it they ask for something more. They pretend that you are menacing them or that something you want is of vital importance to them. They surrender it with a tremendous gesture and then say: "What will you give us in return?"

No vitally important political treaty has ever been signed by Italy which she has not broken. . . .—Harold Nicholson, Labor M.P., in an address in Parliament at London, of recent date.

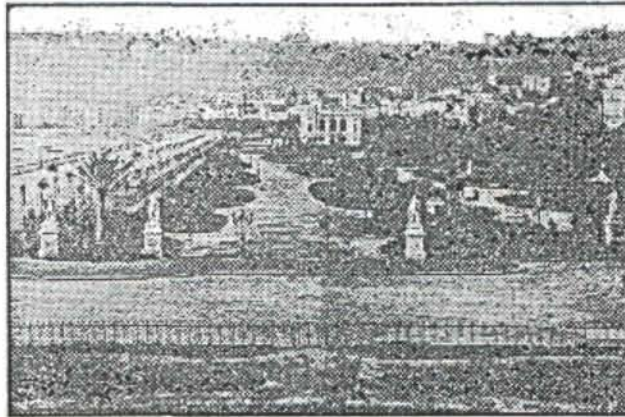
When Hitler Visited Mussolini

◆ When Hitler visited Mussolini thousands of detectives were concentrated in Rome, Naples and Florence; each individual house along the route he would travel was examined; every garage and boarding house was required to report in detail on new arrivals; and thousands of innocent persons were put in concentration camps—all so that one of the world's banner murderers might visit another one, and together they might gloat over the apparent success of Fascism, with its consequent destruction of human liberties, and its pure bluff of nations that could twist the necks of both of them if they could treat one another with honor (which they can not), and if they set out to do it, which seems unlikely.

Something New in Colonization

◆ One has to hand it to Italy for furnish-

ing something new in colonization. She loaded 1,800 families, containing some 20,000 individuals, in twenty ships and carried them across the Mediterranean. There the families were provided with 1,800 automobiles and taken to neat little homes, made and furnished at government expense. On arrival at their future homes the colonists were given the keys to their dwellings, as well as to their barns, and when they entered the latter they found the agricultural implements and the seeds which they need to put in their first crops. Schoolhouses and hospitals and other accoutrements of civilization were all completed before a colonist arrived.



Naples National Villa

Italy Gets Poorer and Poorer

◆ Italy gets poorer and poorer. Only three-fourths as many people can afford automobiles as seven years ago. Consumption of flour, potatoes, vegetables, sugar, meat and fruit has all dropped per capita in that time by a large percentage. It is impossible to stand ten minutes in any Ital-

ian city without being importuned several times for alms. In Palermo there was an impromptu parade supposedly in honor of Fascism and all the men in the parade marched with their pockets turned inside out, to show their hatred of the cause they are compelled to profess that they love. It was a risky piece of business.

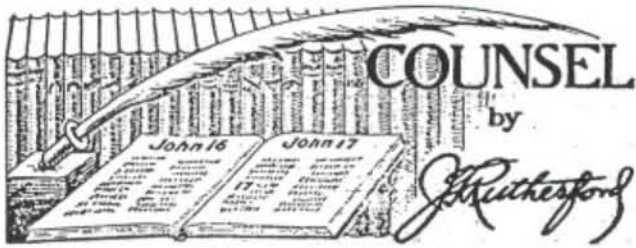
Where the Money Goes

◆ Mussolini established a new army corps in Libya at an expense of \$10,000,000 and issued regulations that no more wheaten bread may be served except to invalids. The connection between the two statements is obvious.

Coal in Sardinia

◆ Italy is delighted, and properly so, with the discovery of coal in huge quantities in the island of Sardinia. Carbonia, a new city of 24,000 homes, is in process of building.

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Misguided

A WRITER in the Miami (Fla.) *Herald* says, in substance, that every Christian should salute the flag when requested to do so; and in support of that claim she quotes the words of the apostle, to wit: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well."—1 Peter 2:13, 14.

On the surface that scripture may seem to support the claim of the *Herald* writer, but in truth and in fact it has no reference whatsoever to the officers that govern this world or to any earthly laws. Note now that the apostle directs his epistle to the "elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father". His admonition is given for the benefit of the church of God, that is to say, for the guidance of those persons on earth who have devoted themselves to God and Christ and who are diligently striving to walk in the way of righteousness. The apostle Paul, addressing Christians, said: "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. . . . Keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you." (1 Corinthians 11:1, 2) Peter and Paul were specifically commissioned by the Lord to make ordinances or rules for the guidance of the Christians, and in doing so they acted upon the command and commission of the great Theocrat. For that reason their epistles were written for the instruction and guidance of THE CHURCH, and such epistles were written under inspiration and the direction of the Lord. They were addressed to none other than the truly consecrated Christians.

Having this clear setting in mind, note then the words in the scripture cited first above, to wit: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake." The apostles are the ones referred to in the words 'ordinances of man', because they promulgated such ordinances or rules for the governing of the con-

gregations and did so at the command of the Lord. It is absolutely certain that their ordinances had nothing whatsoever to do with flag-saluting. The apostle continues, "Whether it be to the king, as supreme." These words, "the king, as supreme," have no reference whatsoever to earthly rulers, but apply to Jehovah God, who is the King of eternity, the Supreme One above all. "[Jehovah] is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king." (Jeremiah 10:10) Continuing, the apostle says in the text first cited, "or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him." This had no reference to the governors of states or nations of earth, but to the governors of the church of God and which Christ Jesus by authority of Jehovah God has provided. Christ Jesus is the Head of THE CHURCH and is the Governor thereof, and He specifically chose the apostles to act for Him and in His name. They were the ones commissioned to promulgate the necessary rules for the guidance of the congregations on earth. Those apostles were "sent by him [Christ Jesus the Lord] for the punishment of evil doers" in the congregation "and for the praise of them that do well". That they exercised that authority, note the account at Acts 5:1-6. Paul, by authority from the Lord, delegated both to Timothy and to Titus to announce certain rules and to act as governors of the congregations to which they were sent. (1 Timothy 5:20; Titus 1:13; 2:15) The apostles and their delegated representatives made and announced "ordinances" which were the 'ordinances of man', made under the Lord's direction for the government of men who were of the congregation. This is the true meaning of the words of the apostle Peter, which apply exclusively to those men and women on earth forming congregations which are devoted to God and His kingdom.

Mark how unreasonable, yes, even ridiculous, it would appear to apply the apostle's words to the ordinances made by school boards, city councils, legislators, or Congress. For instance, in some jurisdictions it is unlawful to have in possession or sell intoxicating liquor. That was particularly true for a number of years in the United States. In other jurisdictions bordering the United States it was entirely lawful. For instance, between Canada and the United States there is an imaginary line dividing the countries. The ordinances on the points mentioned here were exactly contrary the one to the other. Which should the

Christian obey? God does not recognize any earthly divisions of land by imaginary lines. A man may have part of his possessions in the United States and part in Canada. He is in one country one day and in the other the next. As a further illustration: The dictator Hitler demands that every person must give a certain salute to him and say "Heil Hitler!" meaning, "Salvation comes from Hitler." Surely the Lord could not command everyone to obey that ordinance of a worldly man, because the same is absolutely contrary to God's Word.—Exodus 20:1-5.

School boards make ordinances commanding every child to salute the flag and sing certain songs which attribute salvation to what the flag or song represents. The child has been told by its parents to believe in the Word of God and to obey that Word. The child says, "I cannot salute the flag, for the reason that, if I do so, I am violating the commandment of Jehovah God, because He has commanded His people not to attribute salvation to any power except Jehovah." Humans can't provide salvation themselves. It is written in the Scriptures, "Salvation belongeth unto Jehovah." (Psalm 3:8, A.R.V.) To obey worldly ordinances contrary to God's ordinances means to lose God's favor, and, therefore, to lose everything.

In truth and in fact, compulsory flag-saluting is a scheme hatched in recent months by Satan and is a subtle means of turning men away from God and requires them to give devotion to men and is an attempt to cause God's covenant people to violate their covenant with Jehovah. One who truly loves Jehovah

God will not willingly violate His covenant, and therefore one devoted to God and Christ Jesus cannot *heil* Hitler or any other man, cannot salute any flag and thereby attribute to such man or flag protection and salvation.

The great difficulty with such as the writer in the *Miami Herald* is that they are misguided. They apply the Word of God to organizations that are in opposition to God. They appear to believe that worldly governments are established and directed by Almighty God, whereas the Scriptures plainly state that Satan is the invisible god or ruler of this world. (2 Corinthians 4:4) Men have organized governments with good intentions of having a rule for the benefit of the people, but such rulers, failing to give heed to the Word of God and going contrary to God's will by giving praise and devotion to creatures instead of the Creator, have fallen under the influence of the Devil and have been blinded to God's purpose concerning mankind. Selfish men who follow this course God has permitted to go their own way. (Romans 1:21-24) Christians give their allegiance to Jehovah and Christ Jesus, and they obey His laws, and every law of the land that is in harmony with God's law or commandments they obey; but when an ordinance or law commands them to do what Jehovah God's law plainly forbids, then the Christian will obey God and not man. The apostles blazed the way in this regard when they stated before worldly courts: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." "We ought to obey God rather than men."—Acts 4:19; 5:29.

The Kentucky WPA Political Machine



JUDGE BRADY M. STEWART, of Kentucky, wrote a personal letter to President Roosevelt containing ten charges which include statements that no one may be placed on Federal relief except upon advice of the Senator Barkley campaign managers; that WPA workers have been told they must give the contributions to the Barkley campaign fund which are demanded or else lose their jobs; that Republicans have been notified that they must change their politics and vote for Barkley or be fired; that instructions have gone out that all records regarding WPA employment and salaries must be kept secret; and that persons

are being employed who do no definite work, but spend their entire time in political activity. This, if true, is Hitlerism, Mussoliniism, Stalinism and Hagueism with a vengeance.

One-Third of Cleveland on Relief

◆ At the first of April, 1938, one-third of the people of Cleveland, Ohio, were being supported by public funds or were soliciting such support.

Find the Moral

◆ Because he goes to church, William Kietis, Cleveland, Ohio, got a suspended sentence on charges of stealing a bicycle. Moral is ??

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Motoring

How to Keep from Growing Old



Always drive fast out of alleys.
Always race with locomotives to crossings. Engineers like it; it breaks the monotony of their jobs.
Always pass the car ahead on curves or turns. Don't use your horn: it may unnerve the other fellow and cause him to turn out too far.

Demand half the road—the middle half.
Insist on your rights.

Always speed; it shows people you are a man of pep even though an amateur driver.

Never stop, look or listen at a railroad crossing. It consumes time.

Always lock your brakes when skidding. It makes the job more artistic.

Always pass cars on hills. It shows you have more power and you can turn out if you meet a car at the top. Never look around when you back up. There is never anything behind you.

Drive confidently, just as though there were not eighteen million other cars in service.

—J. B. Wait, in the *Northwest Motor Digest*.

Clutchless, Gearless Car

◆ An Italian scientist, Commendatore Salerni, working with an English scientist, Prof. F. C. Lea, has produced a new form of power transmission, clutchless and gearless, which bids fair to revolutionize motoring on land, on sea, or in air. The man at the wheel in an automobile has nothing to think of but to steer the car and to use the right foot to accelerate or reduce speed. The only lever to use is the one that puts the car in reverse. Trials at Cambridge, England, seem entirely satisfactory. The car accelerates to 30 miles an hour in six seconds from the moment of starting, and has been subjected to 65,000 miles of actual driving.

Elimination of Auto Horn

◆ A motorist who drives safely without ever using a horn is in favor of elimination of auto horn. His suggestion will meet with the approval of most pedestrians daily startled unnecessarily by blasts that upset their nerves without the slightest reason. If a man cannot drive safely without using a horn to deprive other people of their rights, he should not drive at all.

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A Fortunate Auto Accident

◆ It not infrequently occurs that a person meets with an accident that automatically does for him what would otherwise require the services of an osteopath or chiropractor. Such an accident occurred at Elizabeth, New Jersey, where Joseph Havelka, Jr., was instantly cured of a case of stuttering which had afflicted him for twelve years. The patient was in a wheel chair, when he was accidentally struck by an automobile. Too bad he did not visit someone who could have given him a much-needed spinal adjustment twelve years earlier.

13 Summonses in 17 Weeks

◆ In the 17 weeks between July 20 and November 15 the "Reverend" Panos Constantinides, pastor of the Greek Orthodox Church of Atlanta, Georgia, received 13 summonses for illegal parking, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, running past stop signs, etc. He ignored all but the last, and then suddenly found he had to stand trial for the whole thirteen. Such is life. Only a religious racketeer would have the effrontery to do a thing of this kind. The whole gang are a menace to humanity, and a curse.

Connecticut's Crooked Police

◆ Connecticut's crooked police are beginning to attract nation-wide attention. *The Commentator* shows that in pursuit of a conspiracy to fleece nonresident motorists 32 towns in the Nutmeg State had 8,907 arrests in 1937 and that, of these, local motorists accounted for less than three percent.

Almost the Speed of a Bullet

◆ The automobile speed of Captain George E. T. Eyston on the Bonneville Salt Flats of Utah, 357.5 miles per hour, or at the rate of 525 feet per second, is only 175 feet per second less than the muzzle velocity of the bullet of an ordinary .45-caliber revolver.

Bridge Across Albemarle Sound

◆ A huge section of North Carolina now finds easier access to northern and eastern markets by means of a new bridge across Albemarle sound. The bridge, with its approaches, is 13.64 miles in length, while the bridge itself is 4.5 miles long.



Took Just One Week

♦ It took just one week for the Roman Catholic Hierarchy to wallop the city of Cincinnati into submission on the Bingo business. If any particularly dirty business has to be done in the open it seems that it is the chancellor that has that end of it. The reason for this is that thus the Arch Bishop can keep his skirts clear and put on that holy air so much sought in the pictures that flood the public press. So it was the "Reverend Father" Monsignor Mr. Sir Matthias Heyker, chancellor of the archdiocese of Cincinnati, that broke the ice in a column article in the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, November 17, in which he stated that while Bingo and other gambling is illegal, yet it is all O.K. with the outfit with which he is connected. That put the heat on the politicians, as it was intended to do, and the *Times-Star* of just a week later stated that by a vote of six to three the city council had agreed to let the Roman Catholic Hierarchy go ahead and violate the state law and nothing would be done about it unless the courts interfere.

The regulations as finally adopted by the city council are laughable. They stipulate that gambling awards must not exceed \$100; that the prizes must not exceed 25 percent of the gross receipts; that if the gambling racket is held more frequently than once a quarter it must not be advertised; that the police must be tipped off 24 hours before the gambling starts (so that they can keep out of the way, or arrest any law-abiding citizen that complains that the law is being violated); that a certified statement of attendance, receipts, prizes and expenses must be given to the police within 24 hours after the affair is over; and that the only ones that may thus violate the law must have been in existence not less than five years. This proposal that a thing that has been decayed five years or more has superior sanctity in the eyes of the law over an institution that is less than five years of age is one of the funniest things ever advanced in legal history. Even the youngest American child, unless he has been "educated" in a pa-

rochial school, knows perfectly well that all persons and corporations are equal in the eyes of the law. What is legal for one is legal for another, and what is illegal for one is illegal for another. The city council of Cincinnati needs to soak its head.

Good Place to Plead Tolerance

♦ There probably is not a better place in the United States to plead for tolerance than Seattle, particularly since Gerald Bishop Shaughnessy did his level best to prevent Judge Rutherford from speaking there, and subsequently bluffed and bulldozed the radio stations into apologizing for broadcasting the very things the people need to hear, and boycotted the radio stations' advertisers, and without a doubt bullyragged the city council into preventing Judge Rutherford from again speaking from the municipal auditorium, and cheap-skated the Seattle papers into folding up like an accordeon and refusing to carry out their contracts to publish, at a price, news of the utmost importance. Well, Seattle has had a fine "Religious Unity Aim" meeting. This time Shaughnessy discreetly stayed out of the picture, but he put everybody else in. The governor of the state was there, Rabbi Rosenberg was there, the general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. was there, and all that Mr. Shaughnessy had to do was to say, after it was all over, "Boys, you did a good job; between you, you pulled over another good one on the people, and after a few more just like it the people, the poor suckers, will forget altogether about the rotten deal given to Jehovah's witnesses when they came to this intolerant and narrow-minded bailiwick of our lord god the pope."

Revenue Must Be Falling Off

♦ Junction City, Ohio, fifty miles southeast of Columbus, Ohio, feels the heat, or at least "Reverend Father" Eugene Owens, guiding star of St. Patrick's church, indicates that he does, in *The Catholic News*. It is quite an interesting paper, four pages all told. The first page is given up to the philosophy which includes the aphorism "Ignorance is bliss", and, being situated right under the pictures of the church and parsonage, seems to be in the right place.

Page two is wholly given over to the proposition that "God blesses the cheerful giver", and lists by name five that dug up \$3 each in September, eleven that were made to disgorge

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\$2 each, three that parted with \$1.50 each, 34 that were mulcted out of \$1 each, 13 that let loose of 50c each, and one that gave \$1.25. Following the list is the statement, "Honesty is the best policy." Too bad that "Reverend" Owens did not think of this before he got those poor sinners to turn over \$83.25 to him for which they get nothing in return, not a thing.

The fourth page contains a front and side view of the parsonage; looks like a twelve-room house. What on earth could a "celibate" man want with all those rooms?

But it is the third page chiefly that is interesting. It is wholly devoted to hammering Judge Rutherford. Wonder why. Briefly mentioning *The Golden Age* [now *Consolation*], it says succinctly: "The latter is published in 12 languages. Bile, bigotry, and insulting cartoons fill its pages." Thanks, "Reverend," thanks.

"He Died That Same Day"

♦ The junk department operated by Cardinal Dougherty, of Philadelphia, Pa., under the name of The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, Reverend Father Joseph A. Skelly, C.M., Director, 100 East Price street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., seems to be doing a good business in so-called sterling silver, nickel silver, silver plate, rolled gold, brass inlay, brass tips, bronze finish and other medals, chains, crucifixes, rosaries, pendants, beads and other merchandise of no value to anybody. Persons who dig up 25c a year for their friends who are dead either mentally or physically or both can get this stuff and in years to come look at it and think how foolish they were to bite, and to part with their money to help along the biggest fraud on the footstool.

Mr. Skelly tells about some of the "favors" that come to persons who purchase the junk. Here is one about an old gentleman that was

on his deathbed. His mind was slipping away from him, and so—

My grandfather had been away from the Church for forty-six years and refused to see a priest. I pinned a Miraculous Medal to his bed clothing and begged Our Lady's intercession. Within a short time he consented to see the priest, made a sincere confession, was anointed and received Holy Viaticum. He died that same day.—Ohio.



Bingo

Protecting the Racketeers

♦ "Reverend Father" P. C. Depew, of Perryopolis, Pennsylvania, is some shepherd of the flock, the shearing of which flock is his life business. He operates certain property tax-free as a charitable institution, but all the residents thereof pay rent, except two blind men who do chores for their upkeep. One of the tenants was Charles Clary, whose five children just had the measles. He got behind in his rent and the "Reverend Father" Depew had the family put off the property, and that night they slept on a

slate dump. Residents of Uniontown talked of hanging the "Reverend Father", but at length decided not to do anything to interfere with the holy racket in which he is engaged. The headlines of the Uniontown paper that carried the story said sympathetically:

Life of Father Depew periled after eviction. Feeling rampant at Perryopolis as writ ousts family from orphanage for non-payment of rent.

Consider those headlines for a minute and see if their plain intent is not to draw sympathy to the "Reverend Father" Depew, rather than to the poor family that he forced in sickness and in poverty to sleep out in the open, in April, in the mountains of western Pennsylvania. How truly the Lord said, "They bind heavy burdens, and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them"!—Matt. 23:4.

A Law-abiding Sheriff! Whew!



At Buckeye Lake, which is a summer resort and amusement park in Licking county, Ohio, U. S. A., which county does not permit gambling, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy had a state-wide assembly of the Catholic population. Now the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, being very law-abiding, were only going to chance off and gamble away everything except the nuns, tax-free real estate and priests. Everything was being put in shape, wheels of fortune oiled up, and brakes tightened in preparation for fleecing the flock, when, lo and behold, their own "higher powers", the sheriff of Licking county, descended upon them like a cloud of gloom and enforced the law; and is somebody's face red? Catholics from all over Ohio were there, and are still wondering if gambling is more sacred than the divine right of politicians, and, if so, how old is Anne, god's Roman Catholic grandmother. A beautiful hand-engraved mazuza to anybody who sends the right answer. (A mazuza is a Yiddish piece of holy junk supposed to bring good luck—like a St. Christopher's medal tacked in an automobile.)

"What Is There in It for Me?"

◆ Former Governor Curley, of Massachusetts, once labeled "The Only Catholic Governor", is in the headlines for corruptly accepting and pocketing \$30,000 of graft, stolen from the taxpayers while he was mayor of Boston. It seems that he agreed to settle the General Equipment Cases for \$85,000, and a check of the city was given for that amount, but before the check was paid over Mr. Curley, well taught in the greatest of all rackets, wanted to know, "What is there in it for me?" The answer was that there would be \$40,000, but for some unexplained reason only \$30,000 of the graft was counted out into his itching palm. Probably some other grafter stole the other \$10,000 en route.

Splendid Example of Tolerance

◆ The Kansas City edition of the Catholic boiler-plate weekly, known as *The Register*, tells of "a splendid example of toleration and co-operation" in Salt Lake City, engineered and sponsored by John J. Galligan, of the Knights of Columbus. Fine business. Theoretically a protest against treatment of the Jews in Germany, it was a Catholic advertisement in a Mormon city, generously backed up by

Mormons, Episcopalians, Presbyterians and Congregationalists. At the next big town east of Salt Lake Judge Rutherford is suing the same crowd for \$150,000 for conspiracy against Jehovah's witnesses, and it was just the right time for the Hierarchy in Salt Lake to let it be known they are against intolerance. After a bit, with a few more illustrations of the Catholic idea of "tolerance", as they exhibited it recently in Colorado Springs, New Orleans, Ottawa and Connecticut, toward Jehovah's witnesses, the common people will know what it is all about, and then good-bye Hierarchy.

"Didn't Know It Was a Crime"

◆ State police seized 50,000 lottery tickets on the Indianapolis speedway 500-mile automobile race next Memorial Day in the printing plant of the *Daily Clintonian* . . . and arrested Publisher George L. Carey. Police Superintendent Don Stiver said the tickets offered \$500,000 in cash prizes and were designed to sell for \$1 each. The publisher said the tickets had been ordered by a man "by the name of Meyers representing a St. Louis firm". "I didn't know it was a crime to print that kind of ticket," Carey told reporters. "We printed thousands of similar ones for the local Catholic Church, without any question."—A dispatch from Clinton, Indiana, published in the San Diego (Calif.) *Sun*.

Three Days Late

◆ On March 24 the "Reverend Father" Cox and thirteen other crooks were indicted for fraud in connection with the so-called "Garden Stakes" contest of Old St. Patrick's Church, Pittsburgh. And would you believe it? it was three whole days before the Catholic organizations of the Pittsburgh diocese began their great campaign against salacious literature and indecent and immoral plays. If the gang cannot co-ordinate their efforts better than this, what will become of them? Slow work, boys and girls; slow work. Three whole days wasted.

Would Jesus Gamble?

◆ The American Institute of Public Opinion made a study of the public's attitude as to gambling. It showed 31 percent as approving gambling, and 69 percent as opposed. Protestants were 21 percent approving gambling, and 79 percent opposed. Roman Catholics were 58 percent approving gambling, and 42 percent opposed.

(To be continued)

Palestine

Tegart's Wall



Tegart's Wall, the new marker of the northern boundary of Palestine, is electrified and is of triple thickness. Its cost was \$450,000. John McGovern, courageous Independent Labor statesman from Glasgow, cited in Parliament the report that a large number of wire-cutting implements were found in Palestine with German markings. Looks as if Britain would have a warm time keeping the Wall intact. Edward Parsons, 22 years old, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, back from a trip to Palestine, stated that the general impression in Palestine is that the Italians were back of the Arab uprisings against the Jews. He did not see the self-evident truth that the organization back of the terrorism there is the organization which is itself back of both the Fascist and the Nazi terrors, blessed their murders in Spain and did not hesitate to use the Arabs of northern Morocco to accomplish its ends in the re-establishment of complete clerical domination of the Spanish peninsula.

Progress in Ten Years

◆ When trouble arose between Arabs and Jews in a village concerning the use of a well, the Military Governor drew attention to the new settlement of the Jews, clothed in luxuriant foliage, a veritable oasis of beauty in a barren environment. Then he asked the Arabs, "How long have you been here?" "Since creation," they answered, "at least a thousand years." "And how long have the Jews been here?" he queried, and the Arab villagers replied, "Not more than ten years." "Then why haven't you planted a single tree in a thousand years, while the Jews have planted a forest in ten years?" sharply came the unanswered question which was an effective reply to their complaint.—*Exchange*.

A Half-Million-Dollar Fence

◆ A half-million-dollar fence will separate Palestine from Syria, to try to keep Syrian raiders from killing Jewish colonists and British officials. The fence is triple, six feet high, and the interior is filled with entanglements embedded in concrete. All along the fence are concrete pillboxes manned by machine-gun and searchlight crews. It is hoped that the line will be impregnable.

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Slick Work

◆ The law in Palestine makes the possession of arms and ammunition subject to the death penalty. Crimes with deadly weapons continue almost daily, and the Arabs have shown themselves adepts in dodging blame and putting the blame on the innocent. In one instance an Arab used a messenger to send a revolver to a younger brother with whom he had quarreled over an inheritance, and, as soon as he knew it had been "planted", reported to the police, with the result that both were imprisoned, the younger for one year, himself for seven years. There is such a thing as being too slick to be really clever.

By Bus to Baghdad

◆ From Mount Carmel, where Elijah slew the 850 priests of Baal (which place is now called Haifa, and is a thriving city of 80,000 people), there is now a bus service to Baghdad. The bus goes through in 36 hours, over a route which required months of travel in the days of Abraham and Jacob.

Jewish Refugees

◆ Between 1918 and 1937 the Jewish population of Palestine increased from 60,000 to 416,000. So far only about 100,000 acres of land have been irrigated, but it is known that 375,000 more acres could be irrigated, which would provide room and support for an additional 1,200,000 persons.

German Jews

◆ Since 1933, 42,500 Jews from Germany settled in Palestine. About one-fourth of them are engaged in agriculture. The first of these Jews to debark at the first Jewish port, Tel Aviv, landed there April 11, 1938.

Two Hundred Murders a Month

◆ Palestine continues to be a hard place to live. In the month of July, 1938, there were more than 200 murders, with as many more injured. There were 148 Arabs killed, and 60 Jews.

Jewish Immigration

◆ 300,000 Jews have found homes in Palestine since the year 1920. About 42,500 of these came from Germany since 1933.

Is Naturopathy a Crime?



NATUROPATHY, helping people to get well without the use of powdered bedbugs, powdered horse manure or other standard drugs, is legal in some states, but illegal in states where the American Medical Association has control of the legislative, executive and judicial departments of the government.

In his book *Am I a Physician or a Criminal?* (253 pages, Wm. M. Schreier, N.D., 507 Fifth Avenue, New York City) written while he was awaiting trial on the charge of practicing medicine, Dr. Schreier, subsequently sentenced to four months in jail, furnishes plenty of reasons why New York physicians wanted his scalp. The book is in intemperate tone, but was written in twelve days.

Dr. Schreier furnishes the reader with the interesting observation by Dr. Frank L. Curran, of Bellevue Hospital, New York, that sixty different drugs commonly prescribed by physicians for many forms of illness also cause insanity. Makes one want less such drugs. (Page 28)

He does not say much derogatory of bromo-seltzer except that the acetanilid in it is a poison and the potassium bromide in it is one of the drugs that cause insanity. Makes one less eager for bromo-seltzer, doesn't it? (Page 30)

He quotes the statement of E. M. Perdue, M.D., that the X ray kills, and that the doctors know it, and require the patient to pay for his own electrocution process. Makes one less eager to have X rays applied to oneself, doesn't it? (Page 39)

He quotes the opinion of Robert Bell, M.D., F.R.F.P.S., vice-president of the International Cancer Society, president of the Imperial Cancer Society of England, and a famous cancer specialist, that—

There is not a solitary instance on record where cancer has been cured by operation, but, on the contrary, the operation has made death and aggravated suffering more certain. (Page 43)

In common with many others, Dr. Schreier seems not overimpressed with the wisdom of experimenting wholesale on humanity. He quotes the *New York Times* to the effect that—

A study of vaccines for the common cold, tried on twenty thousand persons, shows that none of them reduced the number of colds. (Page 50)

He seems to agree with the Report of the Council of Pharmacy and Chemistry regarding horse dung allergen Squibb, house dust allergen Squibb, Le Page's glue allergen Squibb, and street dust allergen Squibb, that—

... as the composition of horse dung; house dust; glue and street dust is indefinite, it is irrational to test the hypersensitivity of a patient by means of a stock preparation; instead, an extract should be prepared from material which is likely to correspond with that to which a patient is sensitive. (Page 66)

In other words, if you must take horse dung as a remedy, it is far better to take an extract of it than the real thing in the raw; you might like it.

He also quotes Dr. William Brady, M.D., as writing, in the *Chicago American*, about rabies—

There is absolutely nothing scientific about the alleged diagnosis, prevention or treatment of rabies in man. There is nothing scientific about the diagnosis of rabies in animals. It is all a purely empirical question. (Page 67)

Dr. Schreier Went to Prison

For opposing the practice of medicine, though actually charged with practicing it, Dr. Schreier was sent to prison for four months. He wrote to *Consolation* from prison, setting forth that—

In spite of an excellent defense that took three days, October 10, 11 and 14; in spite of two M.D.'s testifying in my behalf; in spite of several of my patients testifying that they were given up to die by the M.D.'s (and, ironically, one has a father and a brother who are M.D.'s); in spite of five M.D.'s signing a petition that I know the healing arts; and in spite of a one hour and 20 minutes lecture that I gave the judges on the relative value of the theories and practice of allopathic, homeopathic and eclectic medicine, as well as osteopathy, chiropractic, Christian science, hydrotherapy, dietetics, physiotherapy and naturopathy, including Prof. Béchamps microzymian theory of disease that the body inherently possesses ability to heal itself (in contradistinction to Pasteur's theory), I was sentenced to serve four months in jail, my present address. Subsequent to the lecture the chief justice (there were three) commented, "The defendant is too sincere." Is it possible to be too sincere when catering to suffering humanity?

Consolation does not feel called upon to champion any one of the many healing arts; but does wish a square deal for each of them.

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International Murderers

The Bid for Despotism

♦ As a slogan we are now substituting "the more abundant strife" for the "more abundant life". Military preparedness has now succeeded economic depression as a basis both for further inflationary stimulation of business and for its further absorption into the State.

Our interest in the under-privileged classes at home has been expanded to concern for the oppressed abroad. In its very nature, as well as by force of the actual facts of the foreign situation, the emotional and financial seduction of this new theme song of the Fourth New Deal is irresistible.

No political party or economic group, certainly not business, can or will refuse to respond to the patriotic appeal for unity and co-operation in preparing for the national defense against foreign aggression. In face of it no minority will dare to challenge any demand for further expansion of State power over private enterprise and private property, and over the natural, human and financial resources of the Nation necessary to safeguard us against foreign danger.

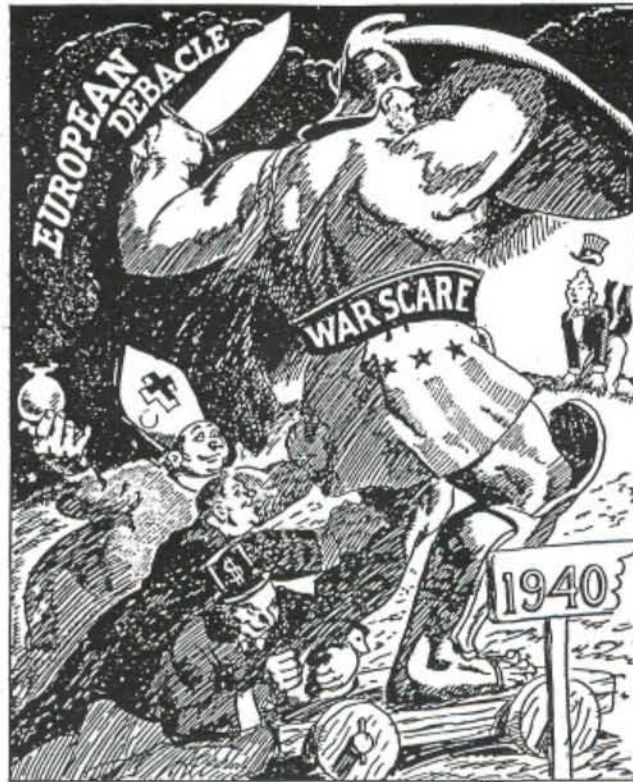
Moreover, as in Germany, our own oppressed minority, the employers, professional and salaried middle classes, the small property owners, will be expected to foot the bill to defend our own brand of authoritarian exploitation against danger from the others.

If this were a joke, it would be a grim one, but I am afraid it isn't. It is a deadly serious and deliberately conceived scheme to capitalize a very real and deep public anxiety about the defense of free American institutions against foreign enemies, in order to

stampede us into complete abandonment of these institutions at home.

We are facing a final desperate bid in the name of patriotism for absolute political power over enterprise, property and political liberty.

— Virgil Jordan, president, National Industrial Conference Board, in an address in Philadelphia.



Politics, the world's most comical business
—if you have a taste for that kind of low comedy

along to show them how to get the greatest results.

Who Wants War?

♦ What gang is it that wants war, and hopes to get control of the entire country the moment it breaks out? You know the answer, and know why it is that in the motion-picture houses, frequently now, the American flag is suddenly flashed on the scene, the band starts to play "The Star Spangled Banner", and some hair-brained usher rushes down the aisle commanding all fellow Americans to stand up.

His spirit in doing that is exactly the spirit of the young German Nazis who murdered in the most savage manner the Jewish prisoners sent to the concentration camps for safe-keeping in the nation-wide pogroms following the vom Rath shooting in Paris.

New York's Temple of Religion



THOSE that are in the religious business will tell you right away that what the world needs is more religion, their reason for that being that they want to keep their jobs. The number of sects fluctuates somewhat from year to year. In 1917 there were 210 listed. The *World Almanac* for 1919 listed 201. A year later the Federal Council of Churches reported 194. The *World Almanac* for 1938 lists the general headquarters of the 64 largest ones. The other 150, or thereabouts, are considered small fry.

There is a vague suspicion that all is not well with the religious business; so the New York World's Fair will have a Temple of Religion. A few suggestions might be in order; so here goes:

Would it not be a good idea to have a port-hole in the temple for locating the new moon? In London there is a church of 30 men and women that worship the moon, and every time there is a new moon they bow three times with their heads to the ground and sing moon songs to their hearts' content.

There could be a dungeon in the cellar for the Satan-worshippers of Iraq. Maybe a few Iraqi might like to come along. So why not make them welcome? It could be explained to them that there are millions of Americans who do not believe there is any Devil, or even that there is any God. But they shouldn't be shut out of the temple; they should have a run for their money.

There should be a stable on the thumb-hand side of the temple in which to keep the sacred horse Trancelim, a race-horse worshiped in a section of Brazil. Brazilians could be told that many Americans worship the Democratic jackass, while a few worship the elephant of pre-Hoover days.

The marriage chapel will be needed. There the Turanian couples can come, a priest can puncture the arms of bride and groom and draw off some blood, and then they can drink some of the blood while the rest of it is burned in a bonfire. The Queens Fire Department will keep an eye on the fire. Or will it?

They might have a fire-walking exhibit in some mystic part of the lawn, made by a steam shovel out of the mud of Flushing meadows. If any fire-walkers come over from India they will naturally want to put on a

little show to prove that their religion is just as good as those of the bombers of women and children.

New York Should Step on It

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gave \$25,000 for this temple, and if he wants to get anything back on his investment the show ought to be good. How about getting one of those leopard-men from Africa? Maybe he could be excused from prison long enough to show how he donned leopard skin and socked razor-edged hooks into enemies. Big Business ought to be able to learn something from this. The leopard-men had a ritual, which was religious, of course. Cannibalism was one of the features. This also ought to appeal to Big Business. The Belgian government put most of the leopard-men behind bars, thereby discouraging religion. New York can correct this and put the leopard-men back in good odor.

There should be a stage for Aimee Semple McPherson, and if she could just be induced to put on her great disappearance act, in all its details, as it was carried out with one of her handsome male organists ten years ago, here is guaranteeing that there would not be enough people left in New York and Brooklyn to even watch the properties, let alone do business. The trouble with all this religious business in the past has been the cheap-skate way in which it was done.

A big padded cell would be needed to show up properly the details of the great Koreshan cosmic shell. People who think this world is round like the outside of a ball instead of round and hollow like the inside of an orange peel need more religion. Give the Koresh boys a break. They need it.

A platform in front could be set aside for the holy whirling dervishes. That would draw a crowd, and besides, it is religious. A good religious guy among the whirling dervishes can spin like a top for three minutes at a stretch and his skirts will stand out from his hips all the time like those of a ballet dancer. Just a soft note here. Wonder if among those whirlers they could not find a few of the good-looking Moslem females, give them souls (which according to Moslem theology they lack) and teach them the whole business. This would whoop up the attendance a lot. Men that wouldn't give a plugged nickel to see a

man whirl his head off would come from far and near to see a nice-looking girl whirler.

How About Voliva?

Times have changed. There was a time when John Alexander Dowie could blow in \$300,000 in a spectacular scheme to bring religion to New York, but he lost his wad and now his successor, Wilbur Glenn Voliva, lives in two rooms in the old mansion at Zion City, without any servant to attend him. For old times' sake have a religious side show where Voliva could be one of the features. Many would pay a nickel apiece to see a man who believes the earth is flat and who claims to be a Christian and at the same time denounces the Lord's prayer because it is a Kingdom prayer.

A cemetery could be opened and the body of Mrs. Cecilia Novarro could be reinterred there. She was buried alive in California by seven religious persons because she violated some clause in the secret religion to which she belonged. All murderers, including the 10,000 that escape the penalty every year, as well as all munition makers, should be interested in this religion.



A restaurant could be opened for any cannibals that might like to come. The Holmesburg prison at Philadelphia might be persuaded to do the cooking. Cannibalism is something religious. Maretu, a Cook Islander who became a missionary, describes the fat of man as being delicious, tasting and smelling much better than either fish or hog. Not sure about this, but religion ought to settle it.

In the restaurant there could be a booth for the Swiss lemon eaters, who believe that when a person is buried the coffin should be decorated with lemons and plenty of lemons be thrown into the grave.

On the other side of the restaurant the Hungarian League of Laughter that believes it is religious to laugh about everything, no matter what it is, would be a sort of offset.

The Penitentes of New Mexico could put on a crucifixion scene more realistic than the one at Oberammergau, after which it is aped. They occasionally kill people at this barbarism, imported from Europe centuries ago. One would have to see this in order to appreciate it.

The "Purgatory" and "Hell-Fire" religions are too horrible to be exhibited; nevertheless they will be the principal exhibits at the Temple of Religion.

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The Temple of Religion is a clever idea, perhaps. The more religions exhibited, the clearer it will be that Christianity is something wholly apart.

Welfare Island, Nice Place

◆ The cancer hospital on Welfare island, New York city, where the poor are cared for, is a wooden firetrap seventy-five years old and so infested with ants that the only way to clean it is to take it down, burn it, dig a new cellar and throw the excavated material into the ocean. As late as November, 1938, though by superhuman efforts the kitchen and operating room were kept free of vermin, a cancer patient who had had a breast removed was found with hundreds of ants crawling over her, and in the whole building there were rats, mice, cockroaches, bedbugs and ants galore.

Innocent Custodians of Public Safety

◆ Newburgh, New York, has some innocent custodians of public safety. It seems that a girl in the town had a bank account of \$468,000 two weeks after she was employed. Also, one 10,000-gallon whisky still was located only 200 yards from the city hall. Just a suggestion here. If it had been operated in the police headquarters there would have been less chance of somebody's squealing. Well, all good things come to an end; and so, after 44 men and this one woman had gypped the state out of \$7,500,000 in taxes, and the Government out of \$15,000,000, they were caught.

Benjamin Kotlowitz, 113

◆ Benjamin Kotlowitz, now 113 years of age, fled to this country in his youth, to escape persecutions in his homeland, Russia. He was only 80 when he came over; that was in the year 1905, or 33 years ago. He has 108 descendants in five generations, and at his birthday party, the other day, was the life of the party. He received congratulatory letters from President Roosevelt, Governor Lehman and Mayor La Guardia. About 400 friends attended his party.

Millions of Trees Planted

◆ In the last five years the 141,000 workers in the Civilian Conservation Corps in New York state, most of whom are lads between the ages of 17 and 23, planted 132,564,000 trees, besides improving 40,800 acres of forest, constructing 187 dams, and controlling insect pests over 2,211,438 acres of land.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Political Chessboard

● Some smart moves are being made on the Devil's chessboard of European politics. The Devil, the enemy of God and of the kingdom of Christ, is stirring up strife in his war to prevent the full establishment of that kingdom in the earth. (See Revelation 12:12.) But his army is a mixed crowd, each lot with its own interests to serve, and the Devil must play one section against another in order to gain his ends. At the present time there is a contest between Britain and France, on the one hand, and Mussolini and Hitler, on the other, with Franco's friendship as prize. Franco now sees himself as master of Spain and it appears he wants to have Spain under his control without the overlordship of Mussolini; he wants to have Spain at liberty to act for itself. Mussolini has not caused Italy to shed its blood and spend its money for Spain's freedom, nor to see that country once again under the rule of the pope. Spain under his control means all the difference between his being master of the Mediterranean, holding a strong hand against France and Britain, and being weakened in his purpose. Britain and France need the friendship of Spain for similar reasons. A quick move in the game was made by Britain when, unexpectedly, a warship was sent to Minorca to take off the few representatives of republican Spain, leaving the island to Franco's men. The island was a particularly desirable portion of Mussolini's expectation, for with control of it Italy could prevent France's sea communication with North Africa, and very greatly jeopardize Britain's route to Palestine, Egypt and the Far East. The action vexed Mussolini, but greatly helped Franco. It seems that Italy may not get nearly as much out of its Spanish venture as was expected. Franco will want money for the restoration of the desolated country, and neither Germany nor Italy is in position to lend what is necessary, and Britain and France are able. If Mussolini should say that it is by Italy's help Franco has got Spain, it can be said as truly that

the non-intervention policy of Britain has been of equal service.

Roman Catholicism and Fascism

● Cardinal Hinsley, archbishop of Westminster, warns the flock in England against talking so freely about Fascism as might create the thought that they are allied. He does not want the Fascist label put on Roman Catholicism. That there is a close connection is apparent, and the cardinal can blame the Roman Catholic journals in Britain for his fears. In the Spanish conflict these have been so pro-Franco as to cause their readers to assume that Fascism and the church were together fighting for God and the Roman church, a fight for religion against Communism. At the moment Il Duce and the Hierarchy in Rome have a difference, so important that it made the late pope speak out; and the members of the faith must keep in line with the authority in Rome, especially as the Hierarchy is busy courting the democracies in Britain and America. Mussolini follows the lead of the main member of the Berlin-Rome axis: Hitler has determined that if the church is to continue to exist in Germany it may do so only if subordinate to the state, and Mussolini wants the same, but is not in a position to demand it. The cardinal is rather late in the day in trying to keep the distinction between the totalitarian church and that of Fascism, but the flock are obedient, and in due time the Hierarchy in Rome will find the way to get the best of a bargain with Mussolini.

Freethinkers—Religious Section

● Retired dean Inge, one of the lights of the English church who in the newspapers broadcast their unbelief in the Scriptures, has, he says, been assailed as a heretic and dishonest by "one whose orthodoxy is as stiff as a poker, and sometimes as hot". He does not like the charge, and says, "It is unpleasant to be held as a hypocrite by truculent and furious fanatics." The dean breaks away from the harsh creeds because he cannot support them. That is to the good; but he takes the same liberty with the Scriptures, and treats them as being no more than the opinions and beliefs of men. He will not accept the records of the miracles of Jesus as historical, nor be bound by the prophetic writings. He will make the Scriptures conform to his philosophy. All the same he wants to be considered as a good churchman, a true upholder and supporter of reli-

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gion as represented by the Church of England. At the same time he makes a bid for a standing as one of the world's philosophers. He says, "The old arguments from miracles and prophecies do not appeal to us at all," and he has the effrontery to quote the words of Jesus in his support, as when Jesus said in rebuke to the Jews, "Except ye see signs and wonders ye will not believe." Says the dean, "We do not want to see signs and wonders, and are beginning to realize that miracles taken as historical records add nothing which is of interest to religion." Like so many of his cloth, he does not believe in the virgin birth of Jesus, nor the record of His ascension; nor does he believe that Jesus descended into hades [the grave] and was raised from the dead by the power of God. He also says, "We live in an age dominated by natural science," and to him natural science is as much a revelation of God as the Word of God—evidently it is more so; for he believes in science but not in the Scriptures. The difference between the ordinary freethinker and the religious unbelievers is that one will have nothing to do with the hypocrisy of religion and the other is its ardent supporter. Both the bishop of Birmingham and dean Inge tell of their hope through extension of knowledge of natural science. Both admit they are in the dark concerning the purposes of God. The Scriptures say that God is near to all that call upon Him, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. These gentlemen know these sayings, but they have no faith in them, or they refuse the conditions of discipleship.

"Gentleman" Franco

● *The Catholic Herald* makes a splash heading of a letter it sent to Mr. Chamberlain, and his reply. Recently Mr. Chamberlain made a request to Franco that he should not allow his army to wreak vengeance on the city of Barcelona and its inhabitants. To the editor this request was a slur on that "great Christian gentleman", a man who does not make war after such fashion: it could not be other than that the "gentleman" would act as a gentleman should! Mr. Chamberlain suitably replied, and the *Herald* got something for its pages. But it seems that the memory of the editor was rather short; for last year the pope himself addressed a request to his friend Franco requesting that his army should not bomb women and chil-

dren. *The Catholic Herald* did not take that chance to get a front-page heading by a letter from the pope. The British Catholic papers persistently minimize the records of Franco's bombing of fugitives, and have as consistently exaggerated the records of the acts of the government's forces. The lie factories, and their adjuncts given to the perversion of facts, have been working overtime all the time of this Spanish rebellion.

The duke of Atholl, whose wife, the duchess, has been an active friend of republican Spain, makes a statement to *Reynolds News* on what he says is absolutely reliable evidence. In the Catalonian retreat, he reports, "The planes of Franco dropped pretty little chocolate boxes and the children ran to pick up what they thought to be much-longed-for sweets. As they opened the boxes the bomb concealed inside went off, burning the hands and the faces, sometimes almost beyond recognition." Says the duke, "As an old British officer I feel it my duty to make known this example of civilized barbarism as used in modern warfare."

Land Values

● A writer who has knowledge of the situation calls attention to the following facts which he claims reveal a very dangerous situation in which the country would find itself in a time of prolonged war. He calls attention to the fact that the land under cultivation in Britain is not nearly as much in area as in 1914, and that there is no intensive cultivation to bring the land to its full measure of fertility. With greater risk of cutting off of supplies from overseas, Britain is less able to produce at home; with two and a half million fewer acres in use, there are now nearly five million more people to feed than in 1913. His figures are: The total area of Great Britain, excluding water, is over 56 million acres. The total area under cultivation in 1913 was 32 million acres; in 1936, 29½ million. Allowing an outside figure for towns and villages and roads, there remains unworked and derelict, used only for grazing a few thousand sheep, and employing almost no capital, the appalling figure of 21¼ million acres. In other words, more than one-third of the whole lies waste, while Britain imports millions of tons of foods which these acres could be made to yield, and which would provide homes and work for thousands who must now queue for their share of the "dole". A strong point is made that so much of the land is used for

sport. It is said that of Scotland's total area of over 19 million acres no less than 3½ million are used as deer forest, withdrawn, much of it in late years, from cultivation to enable a few rich people to indulge their love of sport. Not only were crofters and others deprived of their livelihood, but the country was denuded of the food these acres would have provided, and its defenses thereby weakened. "It is clear," this writer says, "that so far as agriculture has given place to game and sport this has been a leading cause of diminishing the welfare of 36 million people. The welfare of the people is sacrificed to the pleasure of a few thousand persons." Here is an instance where democracy needs taking in hand. The few hold it for their destructive sport, and keep the people from that which is their right. But while the government of the country is in the hands of the wealthy and the system under their control there is little probability that a change will be effected.

Unemployment

● The register of unemployed rose in January to well over the 2,000,000 mark. Evidently the extra work caused by rearmament is not absorbing the out-of-work men and women. This means that trade is poor, and, in fact, the export values of last year were less than in 1929 by £200,000,000. There will be a terrible slump some day. The Yorkshire Agricultural Conference has called the attention of the Government to the farming condition of that county of broad acres—it is, of course, by far the largest of the English counties, having an acreage of 3,723,724 acres. It is said that through lack of policy the Government is allowing the land to deteriorate, and workers to leave the county. There is much less area under cultivation than in the time of the Great War.

Also the shipping and engineering unions call the attention of the Government to the fact that at the present time British shipping firms have vessels to the value of £7,000,000 under construction in foreign yards while there is a marked absence of orders in British yards; and further, that nine-tenths of old ships for breaking up were sold to be broken up outside the British Isles. It is clear that money rules.

Praying for Peace

● It appears that Pastor Müller, of Berlin, the successor of Pastor Niemöller, has incurred

the anger of the German state officials by publicly praying for peace. It was suggested that he should be held to the charge of high treason, which involves the sentence of death, for thus interfering in the affairs of the State. To pray for peace is considered by religionists as an eminently proper thing to do, but the matter assumes a very different aspect to the dictator: why should a pastor set his congregation to pray for peace, when peace is not the policy of the State? Here is interference with the affairs of State. In any case, Hitler represents the will of God to Germany—so he claims.

The pastor has no warrant in the Scriptures for his action: public prayers of this nature are an assumption of religionists. Jesus said to His disciples, 'When thou prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door pray to thy Father in secret.' (Matthew 6:6) Religionists have taken altogether too much upon themselves. The true follower of Jesus does not act as they do; he knows that he is not called upon to interfere either publicly or privately in the affairs of the State in which he lives. He has the inviolable right and the duty to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God, and also to deny the right of the State to interfere with his worship of Jehovah. The late pope, it is reported, died with the word "peace" on his lips, and it is said that the last years of his life were chiefly occupied with the preservation of peace in the earth. For this men commend him—the peoples do not want war. His example is considered by religionists to be a good one to follow, and, in fact, they take upon themselves an obligation to pray for the peace of the world. The true disciples of Jesus, acquainted with the Scriptures, know there comes a time when peace is taken from the earth, when the rider on the red horse goes forth, given power "to take peace from the earth". (Revelation 6:4) Too, the fact that the time is now come when God arises to shake terribly the earth is part of the witness to His word and to His name which is now being given by Jehovah's witnesses. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, foretold the time when He as Michael should stand up and there would be a time of trouble in the earth such as had never been experienced. That time is come, and now there will be no peace on the earth till the final battle has been fought and the enemies of Jehovah and His kingdom are vanquished and destroyed.

Aviation

Cesar Abadia Estrellose

◆ Cesar Abadia Estrellose, Colombian aviator, was brave to the point of recklessness, but he was not obedient. After six months' suspension for recklessness in flight he was doing stunts over a crowd of 20,000. His instructions were that he must stay up at least 500 feet. He came down to the 200-foot level, his plane struck the aerial of a radio station and in an instant fell to the ground, cutting a path through spectators for more than fifty feet. Estrellose and 36 others were killed, and more than 100 injured; all because he was disobedient.

Communication with Scientists

◆ An airplane, searching for an overdue scientific party in the Grand Canyon, located a group nearly a mile below them and dropped three notes. The first read: "If you are the scientific expedition from the University of Michigan, all persons lie down." All six did. The second note read: "If everybody O.K., raise your arms to a horizontal position." All six did. The third note said, "If you need food, everybody sit down." Nobody sat down.

Then the fliers reported to their commanding officer at El Paso that the six explorers needed no help.

Around the World

◆ Howard Hughes' time around the world, 91 hours 10 minutes 8 seconds, was at a rate (208.1 miles an hour) four times as fast as a fast railway train, and seven times as fast as the fastest ocean liner. The record, for seaplanes, is held by Agello. His speed of 441 miles an hour is about half the speed of a revolver bullet and considered fairly near the maximum of practical airplane speed. Speeds of 750 miles an hour in the stratosphere are envisioned, but at present are considered impractical.

The Flight from Berlin

◆ The German Condor monoplane flew from the military airport of Staaken, Berlin, to New York in 24 hours 54 minutes and made the return trip in 19 hours 59 minutes. Average speed going was 157 miles per hour; returning, 196.

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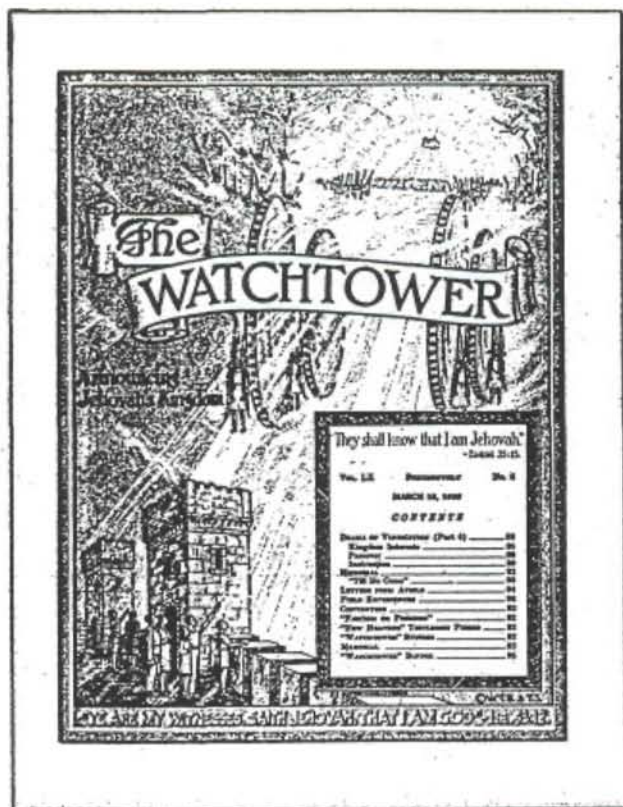
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From a photograph of Hitler coming out of a Catholic Church.—In London *Catholic Herald*.

The May 5, 1939, issue of the London *Catholic Herald* contained a picture of Hitler coming out of a Catholic church (reproduced above) and a large part of the balance of the *Herald* was devoted to incitements to subjects of the pope to commit further assaults upon Jehovah's witnesses, such as had already taken place at Clydebank, Folkestone, Camberley, Oldham, Leicester, and London.

There may not seem to be much connection between the above picture and the article on Fascism in Britain. But after reading the article it will appear that the power back of Hitler is the same as that now fomenting violence against Jehovah's witnesses in Britain.

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“And in His name shall the nations hope.”—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Fascism in Britain

Let this fact be clearly borne in mind: This is not a cry for Jehovah's witnesses. If they die in the performance of duty Jehovah will preserve their eternal existence. Whether one lives or dies is relatively unimportant, because the Devil's agents can only kill the body but are unable to destroy the right to life. (Luke 12:4) Jehovah's witnesses trust in the Lord and need nothing from any man. But the purpose here is to warn the people of good will that if they continue to uphold and support an organization that is fighting against God's kingdom they will suffer the consequences of its destruction.

IN September, 1938, a timely warning was sounded from London, which message was transmitted by wire and wireless to the English-speaking people throughout the earth.

In brief, that warning was this: Vatican City, directing its Hierarchy throughout the world and acting in conjunction with Fascists and Nazis, is in a conspiracy to grab control of and rule the world, regiment the people, and dictate arbitrarily to all.

The speaker on that occasion is not a prophet, he does not claim to be, and no one claims for him that he is a prophet; he is merely one thoroughly familiar with the Scriptures, particularly with the prophecies written by holy men of old and which are recorded in the Bible.



Riots against God's kingdom occurred in these towns

He is likewise thoroughly familiar with world affairs; and, taking together the Divine prophecies and the physical facts, he pointed out that this conspiracy is being advanced and that the entire conspiracy is the offspring of the Devil, and directed by the Devil and his wicked angels, the object being to oppose Jehovah God and His kingdom.

Many thoughtful people thoroughly agreed, while many others tabooed the idea, and the Catholic press began a severe onslaught and campaign of criticism against the speaker, resorting to all manner of lies. Conspicuous in this were the London

Catholic Herald and *Catholic Universe*.

In recent months the development of the physical facts have shown not only that the

warning was timely, but that the predicted events are coming to pass much quicker than many anticipated. The Catholic press and Catholic priests have incited and urged the benighted and ignorant parishioners of that religious-political organization to create a disturbance throughout England. Unable themselves to give any reasonable or Scriptural answer that would offset the warning concerning the encroachment of the Catholic-Fascist conspiracy, the Vatican and the other members of the Hierarchy have attempted to stir up strife, and even bloodshed.

England Aflame with Catholic Anarchy

At Glasgow, Clydebank, Oldham, Monmouthshire, Hebburn on Tyne, Folkestone, Camberley, Leicester, Dundee, London and other places throughout Great Britain these disturbances have been so marked that the people of the nation are aroused and they see the great danger now threatening their government. Below we set out some of the facts, and from time to time this magazine will continue to publish the facts, to the end that the order-loving people of this land may be more fully advised.

Since the days of Napoleon the Catholics have somewhat taken a back seat, until 1929, when Mussolini restored the pope to temporal power by the Lateran Treaty signed February 11 of that year, and since then the Vatican has become more cocky, advocating and encouraging a war against Abyssinia, Spain, Japan against China, the grabbing of Austria, the wrecking of Czechoslovakia, and many other misdeeds too numerous to mention here. All of this unlawful and wicked prosecution of its purpose the Catholic press throughout the earth has nurtured and forwarded. Recent events in Australia, the Fiji Islands, Port of Spain, South Africa, and other places, show that a world-wide movement to wreck civilization to satisfy the ambition of the Vatican, the chief instrument of the Devil on earth, is being vigorously prosecuted, and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and Fascists are working together.

In southern Wales Jehovah's witnesses of the Abersychan company rented the Celynan Ambulance Hall at Newbridge, Monmouthshire, for the purpose of giving the people thereabouts an opportunity to hear Judge Rutherford's speech "FASCISM OR FREEDOM". In preparation for this meeting 3,000 leaflets

were distributed inviting the public to attend. Everything was in order for an enlightening hour for the people when the Catholic-Fascists got busy. Had anything in the speech "FASCISM OR FREEDOM" been false these Catholics might have answered the charges like men and Britons; but knowing every word to be true, they were impelled to obstruct freedom of speech to prevent exposure. As to their methods, the words of the superintendent of the hall, who under pressure refused the hall to the Christians who had rented it, are significant. His statement follows:

On Friday evening the committee met to discuss your lecture and whether you could hold any further lectures. We decided that we would grant you one Sunday evening but that we would not grant any further lectures, in view of what was contained in the leaflet. Following this discussion the Roman Catholic Priest (Rev. Father McDonor) paid me a visit. He suggested that this lecture should not be held because it was opposed to the Roman Catholic Church. Also he reminded us that the Roman Catholic Church were the big supporters of the Ambulance Brigade. Further that the medical instructors of the Brigade were Catholics and it would be a great loss to the Brigade if Catholic support was withdrawn from us. As a result of this visit we had a committee meeting and decided in view of these things to cancel your lecture.—D. Williams, 73 Springfield, Newbridge.

This is the condition of freedom in Newbridge.

In Hebburn on Tyne, a suburb of New Castle, with a similar desire to bring vital information to the attention of the people, a hall was engaged for the lecture "FASCISM OR FREEDOM". Messrs. Popay, Cooper and Foster, trustees of the hall and non-Catholics, yielded to Papal pressure. A verbatim account follows:

After Jehovah's witnesses began to push forward their advertising campaign in their regular style with information marches, sound-cars and folders, the local Catholic priest, Rev. Fr. Witty, got excited and took steps to stop this meeting. It is evident from reliable source that this reverend gentleman (?) called on the police on the day before the meeting and gave them some kind of an idea that there might be trouble at this meeting. Shortly after midnight on Saturday the police of Hebburn sent for the secretary of the hall, Mr. Tallack, and told him that he had better keep the doors locked on the morrow and refuse Jehovah's witnesses entrance, as they (the police) could not give sufficient protection in view of the threatened disturbances. This was the first time anything was heard of a possible disturbance. With this information the trustees of the hall decided to break their

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contract and posted a sign on the door of their hall Sunday notifying the public that the meeting was canceled.

It also seems that this same priest on Saturday evening warned his flock at a service to stop Jehovah's witnesses and their meeting. On Sunday morning, when Jehovah's witnesses began to witness to the people in the usual way there were groups of Catholics standing about the street corners lying in wait. All during Sunday morning the publishers of the Kingdom were harassed and ill-treated by these small groups. Stones were thrown at them and also at their cars. Abusive language was used by women who followed the publishers from house to house. They also booed the information marches and stoned the sound-car. After the notice of the canceling of the meeting had been posted on the hall Sunday morning, groups of Catholics got together shouting "We've won, we've won". At the time of the scheduled meeting the witnesses gathered in front of the hall and made appointments to call on all the people of good will who had come to hear this important lecture.

Violence at Glasgow

Report of assaults of May 19, 1939:

The battle gets hotter every day up here, and so I have to report more assaults in the witness work. Twelve witnesses (mostly pioneers) were assaulted, including an old man of 70-odd years.

On Friday evening, May 19, there was what has been described to me by outsiders as the biggest disturbance ever witnessed in the Garngad district of Glasgow. The twelve publishers were distributing the Clydebank leaflet and *Face the Facts* and *Fascism or Freedom* booklets, when almost without warning several mobs each made up of hundreds strong started molesting and assaulting the publishers.

Some were pushed down stairs or rather flung down, their literature stolen, their head-gear thrown away, pulled along the street by the hair, hammered continuously on the head and body, kicked constantly on the back and legs as they tried to reach a point for transport. Stones, bottles and every other thing within reach were thrown, some even having horse manure pushed down their backs. From an outside source (those not Jw's) I am informed that some in the crowds had old swords and heavy sticks, to kill if they got the chance.

Police sent several constables into the district, but these got stoned also, and were unable to do anything in the way of arresting anyone. Traffic was held up as the mobs entirely blocked the roads. It was a seething mass of angry humanity, yelling, booing and shouting, and not until the drivers and conductors of the tramcars that had been held up came to the rescue of the publishers were they able to get away.

I am told that when the mobs got together in

the main street there would be about 2,000 all together. You can imagine the difficulty of getting to the tramcar with such crowds around. The police were throwing the people about like balls trying to reach the witnesses.

Assault at Garngad Road

Further in regard to the riots in Glasgow, Henry Carmichael, one of five mobbed at Garngad Road, Friday evening, May 19, makes a statement:

Five of us went to Cobden Street. Everything was peaceful and we were well received. We were unaware of any trouble in the district. We had finished a close [Scottish apartment house] in Charles Street, when at the foot of the close several women came rushing down, "Tell that man to get out for his life—there is trouble. A man and a woman have been assaulted and taken away in a tramcar." I was disturbed—didn't know where to go. Elizabeth Moeckel (German refugee pioneer) and I decided to go down to Garngad Road. We found a huge mob there. I saw two policemen; we put ourselves in their protection. I told the policemen there had been other assaults. They walked with us to Bright Street. A huge howl went up when the people saw us—the mob surged towards us. I never in my life saw such a frenzied mob. The scenes at Clydebank were child's play compared with this. Stones and sticks were flung; dung was pushed down my neck. The policemen were helpless in the face of the mob—they were getting stones thrown at them also. The policemen were much more afraid of the mob than we were. These policemen took us up Bright Street to Charles Street—walked along to Turner Street. There the policemen left us, told us to beat it to Castle Street and get out of the district. Elizabeth and I went along Charles Street, the mob still following, throwing stones, beating and kicking us with their feet, pulling at Elizabeth's coat and trying to tear away her bag. That continued all the way along Charles Street, nearly half a mile long. At Castle Street another mob came up Garngad Road (turned back after losing Mrs. Kilpatrick) hundreds strong. At first we didn't know what to do. There was no transport in sight. At last I saw a tram and we tried to get it. Several youths started battering me and punching me as I tried to get to the tram. Several women attacked Elizabeth at this time, pulling her hair, and trying to knock her on the ground, kicking and punching. The crowd had brought the tram to a standstill. The driver and conductor and another man came off the car and endeavored to help us; also two policemen were fighting their way through the crowd to reach us. By this time I had half got on and pulled Elizabeth on; women were pulling her off, but a man in the tram helped me to pull her on. Then the two policemen struggled on and the tram started.

Statement by Mrs. M. Kilpatrick

Witnesses Geo. Calder, Hendre Carmichael, J. Walker, McGee, Kilpatrick, Elizabeth Moeckel, Robson, Mary Kilpatrick, M. Henderson, Turner, senior, Jessie Turner, Mattie King, met at Garngad Road and Castle Street and started work in Cobden Street and Bright Street.

Soon after we started Jessie Turner came running to me asking me to get the police, as a mob was assaulting their party. I went straight to a police box, burst the emergency bell and shouted "Please send police at once to Villers Street. Come at once; Jehovah's witnesses are being assaulted". When I turned to come out of the box there was a great mob round me, probably three hundred. I went down Villers Street towards Castle Street looking for a policeman. All the way the mob kept battering me on the head with their fists, kicking me and shouting at me in the most dreadful language. They kept saying, "Just see what we'll do to you for coming here saying things against the pope." Two young women with babies in their arms, who seemed to be the ringleaders of the mob, threw their babies to two other women and joined the battering and punching. By this time the mob was from 300 to 500 strong, of men, women and children.

I came to the tram line and, by entering the front of the tram, managed to get separated from the mob. I took the number of the car, and the conductor said he was willing to be a witness to my assault. The number of the tramcar is 633 from Crookston to Renfield Street, Route No. 21. I believe the number on the conductor's cap was 685. Both driver and conductor saw the actual battering which I got. The mob held the car up and two other cars. This car took me to Castle Street, where I saw two policemen. I came off and reported the assault fully to these policemen. I gave these policemen *Who Shall Rule the World? Face the Facts*, and the Clydebank leaflet, and a small leaflet with addresses of the Glasgow Kingdom Halls. They said there was nothing they could do.

Catholic Pressure in Dundee

The Dundee representative of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society in eastern Scotland reports Catholic interference and thwarting of an assembly to hear the "Fascism or Freedom" lecture in that fair city on the Firth of Tay. He said:

On Wednesday evening of May 17 the Dundee company of Jehovah's witnesses arranged for a public lecture, "Fascism or Freedom," in a billiard saloon which has been used on previous occasions. The threescore witnesses in this very active company conducted information marches, made a wide distribution of handbills from house to house, and used their sound-cars to thoroughly inform the people of this important lecture by Judge Rutherford.

On the evening prior to the lecture the proprietor

of the hall was approached by a number of Catholics who are frequenters of the saloon. As a result of their attitude and intimidation the proprietor decided to cancel the letting. He was also approached by a police constable who enquired the nature of the proposed meeting and suggested that trouble was likely to occur. This is another evidence of the growing move of the Catholic-Fascist power in this country which is out to bully and intimidate men of other persuasions to do their bidding.

Northwich Hall Canceled

15 Minutes Before Meeting

For a long time the Labor party is said to have stood for principles of fair play and the right of the freedom of peaceable assembly. But in these days of the growing move of Fascism in Britain, there are signs of Labor also yielding to such pressure.

In years gone by Jehovah's witnesses have many times engaged the Labor Hall on Tabley Street in Northwich, Cheshire, 25 miles from Liverpool. This hall had been used for many public Bible lectures by Judge Rutherford even as had been arranged for Sunday evening, May 14, when this famous anti-Fascist lecture "Fascism or Freedom" was scheduled to be given by electrical transcription.

Jehovah's witnesses had spent a busy week prior in thoroughly advertising this important occasion for the town of Northwich. Over five thousand invitations had been left with the people, and several information marches were held in the main center of the town. Then Sunday evening, just fifteen minutes before the lecture was to begin, the caretaker of the Labor Hall informed Jehovah's witnesses that their lecture was banned and that their contract for the hall was canceled. When pressed for reasons the management of the hall and the secretary, F. Whitty, said they had received letters from various Catholics objecting to the meeting. There were also threats of trouble. However, Jehovah's witnesses were not outdone; they held an open-air meeting near the Labor Hall and gave the entire "Fascism or Freedom" lecture to an appreciative audience. Truly every day bears further evidence of the growth of Catholic-Fascist action in Britain. As the *Catholic Herald* said on May 12, "There is a growing sense that Catholicity in Great Britain is on the eve of great happenings."

Report from Oldham

I am confident that a work is being accomplished by the distribution of the leaflet, and whilst there

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are those who are glad for selfish reasons to see the Catholic system exposed, yet there are many others who are glad to see truth made known for higher reasons. I am confident that we have many friends and the distribution of the leaflet is bringing them to light. Many are glad that there is an organization bold and courageous enough to expose a system having such power in the earth. At tonight's meeting a stranger came to Kingdom Hall for a few of the leaflets to give to friends, etc.; he had been asked for them and he said he would try to get some. He too sees the menace of Catholic-Fascist action and he is glad of the stand we have taken.

Who Incited the Riots?*

There are still many people suffering under the delusion that the Roman Catholic Church is a fine thing. Hundreds of millions of people have entrusted their spiritual welfare to the Roman Catholic Church. To such let it here be stated that your confidence has been abused and your trust misplaced. If the Catholic organization is in reality a good thing and at all worthy of the Lord's name, which it claims, why does it indulge in the effort to murder Christians simply because they have views different from their own? Do the good Catholics of the earth think it will enhance the merit of the Church or augment its honor to violently attack people who are striving to assist others to understand the Bible, in fact doing exactly what they should be doing themselves? Is it not time that some of the honor-loving Catholics come forward with the suggestion that the Hierarchy, priests and Church leaders would serve the honor of the organization better by condemning mob violence rather than by inciting it? Is there

* In Nos. 505 and 506 of *Consolation*, dated respectively January 25, 1939, and February 8, 1939, evidence was presented that there is Jesuit influence in the Cliveden set, which practically controls the British press and foreign policy; that the dishonorable Munich peace was prearranged four years before it occurred; that the Roman Catholic United States ambassador Kennedy was sent to Britain to help put over the job; that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is all-influential in the British Foreign Office; that the British press and reporters are mostly Irish Roman Catholics; that Roman Catholic influences are in virtual control of the British Broadcasting Corporation; that Roman Catholic leaders are arguing for a "modified freedom of the press" (no freedom at all); that Rome now has a so-called "Apostolic Delegate" in England; that the Church of England clergy are sympathetic toward Rome. Trends similar to the foregoing are noted in other parts of the Commonwealth, including Australia, Canada, and New Zealand.

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any man of the British Isles cherishing the principles of liberty fought for by English, Irish and Scotchmen who approves beating up another simply because he has different views on the Bible from your own?

Are not the Roman Catholic priests and press of Britain who have incited the ignorant to riot guilty of the crime even more so than the ignorant? Is it the business of a church leader to organize his flock into a mob lusting for blood simply to appease Rome's desire to keep the people from hearing the truth? How does one who thus outrages all decency, whether he wears a black coat or lace ruffles or what have you, differ from any other BLOOD-GUILTY criminal? When a man dishonors a uniform he should not be permitted to hide behind it.

"Let the Buyer Beware"

It is time past-due for the good people numbering millions who support the Roman Catholic Church to ask themselves what they are buying. Let them propound the questions in thoughtful self-examination: Did I examine before I purchased? Was the principle of established business code "Let the buyer beware" pursued with regard to my religious affiliations? Is it not folly and courting disaster to accept what man has to say, whether priest or otherwise, simply on his unsupported word, without the backing of Scriptural authority or proof, knowing full well that I am thereby aiding one who stoops to attempt to murder? Do I favor the killing of Catholics by Catholics in Spain simply because it is decreed by a man? and do I desire English Catholics to presently fight Nazi Catholics at the instance of the organization I am supporting? Is it the part of wisdom to dismiss the matter from mind by paying for a few masses or prayers as may have been traditional in my family as a Catholic?

Motives of the Hierarchy

There is scarcely an intelligent man who accepts without critical examination any statement made by another. It is therefore proper to consider the motive of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy as well as the facts. Within the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States are found the greater portion of the liberty-lovers of the earth. Their allegiance to flag and country is based upon the traditional stand that the Scotch, Irish, English and Americans, all of common forebears,

have made for the cherished possession of liberty. Their land stands for their rights to enjoy life, liberty and the unmolested pursuit of happiness. Now it is certain that many within those countries where freedom has been so greatly loved and dearly bought have not applied the principle of "Let the buyer beware" to their religion, because the English-speaking countries greatly support the Roman Catholic Church and the Roman Catholic Church is the enemy of liberty.

This is the fact which the pages of history painfully corroborate. Let the people aforementioned recall the scourging wrath of Mary I, who strove to convert the kingdom to God and the pope; the horrors perpetrated upon France by the pope's niece Catherine de Medici; the ravages of the Inquisition, which has been reproduced in modern times by the Catholics Hitler, Mussolini and Franco; and let the free-born man of any country under the sun ask himself one question: Has Catholicism or any of its sons ever stood for right and freedom and received the sanction of the church? Has the church ever favored democracy or freedom in any form? Let any Catholic find some encyclical or pontifical utterance which promoted liberty and was reflected in an action for liberty. In fifteen hundred years of existence, had this organization any policy of liberty, it would have been expressed. Obviously it has none; it is the very antithesis of freedom: a dictatorial and tyrannical power inimical to every democracy under the sun.

Why, then, is it supported by the people of the democracies? Chiefly because it has built up a superstitious aura of influence founded upon the tradition of men and supported by the Devil to dishonor God's name. You who support the Roman Catholic church, consider what you have bought, not because such consideration will help Jehovah's witnesses, but in order that you may save your good money and eventually save your lives. Does not everyone attach some importance to his money, and more to his life? If you are a Catholic and care nothing for your money, the same cannot be said for the church which you support. *The Reader's Digest* points out that in Germany alone the church owns twenty billion dollars' worth of property. If the church had cared nothing for this money it could have found plenty of needy Catholics in Spain and elsewhere upon whom to unburden itself. The church loves money, and boasts of its wealth.

Do You Want to Live?

The consideration of the lives of the Catholic population is vastly more important, however. Does anyone who believes in the true God, who promised the people truth without money and without price, who owns the earth, would stoop to an arrangement whereby a few princes of the Catholic church would enrich themselves at the expense of the others affiliated in some way with the church, and this God would do in order to persuade himself to shorten the duration in "purgatory" of wretched men? The traditions of men, and not the Scriptures, are the basis for such blasphemous falsehood.

Four hundred years ago Martin Luther proved that "purgatory" was not taught in the Bible; and today, if any still believe that Catholicism is supported by the Scriptures, let them read a Bible treatise called "UNCOVERED" written by the faithful Bible exponent, Judge Rutherford.

You freedom-loving peoples of earth, you have bought neither bread nor freedom, nor your lives, by supporting the Roman Catholic church. The nation of Spain has recently bought a brand-new Catholic system; they paid a dear price: a few hundred thousand lives, most of whom were Catholics, the gutting of their treasury, and every vestige of freedom.

The Hierarchy always seems fortunate enough to find just the right man to do any zealous bit of murdering that the case seems to call for. Take Franco, for instance. His first official act when he captured Barcelona was the celebration of a public mass; it follows, of course, the Fascist army was there, joining in the ceremony, because General Franco does not entertain any opinion contrary to the pope's. One of his mottoes is: "Dead men have no criticism against the Fascist government." And he is delighting the pope's heart by converting to Catholicism or to death, in either case a victory for Rome. Is it any wonder that the pope thanked his god, the Devil, when Franco took over?

Franco the Butcher

Note what a thorough-going job Franco is doing. The *New York Times* of May 27, 1939, carries this account:

688 Executed by Franco Since March 28;
1,200,000 Accused Are Being Tried 380 a Day
By The Associated Press.

MADRID, May 26.—It was officially announced tonight that the Nationalists' specially constituted

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councils of war and permanent military tribunals had sent 688 persons before firing squads since the fall of Madrid on March 28.

The councils, formed by officers of the Madrid army of occupation, condemned 1,000 persons to death, but the sentences of 312 of them were commuted to prison terms by Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

Officials of the military tribunals said in disclosing the figures that daily trials contributing to "the total normalization of the life of the nation" were "indispensable for initiation of the second era of empire."

Tribunals in Madrid have been trying daily 380 persons accused of assassinations, robberies, burning and sacking of churches, treason, imprisonment of Nationalist sympathizers and other activities during the time when the Republicans dominated the city.

The number condemned includes those sentenced by councils of war operating in Toledo, Ciudad Real and Albacete in addition to Madrid. A roundup of suspected criminals in all newly incorporated zones is continuing under direction of military authorities.

The latest number awaiting trial in Madrid was not announced, but it was officially disclosed less than a month ago that there were 46,000 scheduled to face the tribunals and 1,200,000 informations filed against suspects in all Spain.

Showing the absolute accord between pope, Fascist and Nazi, note this dispatch in the same paper:

VIGO, Spain, May 26 (A.P.).—The German Condor Legion of about 6,000 men who fought in the Spanish civil war sailed for Hamburg today aboard five German liners.

General Juan Yague, José Solchaga, Miguel Aranda and six other Spanish Nationalist military leaders were aboard the steamer Robert Ley, which led the four other liners out of Vigo harbor, escorted by more than 100 fishing vessels. The Spaniards were invited to Germany to see the Condor Legion parade before Chancellor Adolf Hitler in Berlin on June 6.

Forty-five officers of the Spanish Nationalist Air Force also were aboard for a trip to Germany.

Franco has no doubt heard of Thomas Torquemada, Inquisitor General of Spain during the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella, a time when Europeans were just beginning to emigrate to America to escape the Catholic Inquisition. It is recorded in the *Encyclopædia Britannica* that Torquemada killed only 10,000 "heretics" by rack, stake and torture chamber in the name of the pope; whereas Franco already has several hundred thousand start on Torquemada, and, with a million yet to be tried, it looks as if Franco ought to have up a permanent record. This is real cause for the

Hierarchy to rub their hands in anticipation.

A Catholic paper of recent date says that the Irish, those we have come to respect in America as the "fighting Irish", are to be called on to fill in the gaps in the priesthood in ravaged Spain. Have enough Irishmen become so tainted by their association with the Roman Catholic Hierarchy that they are willing to undertake the work of helping Franco kill another million Spaniards? It does not sound like a job worthy of the charming people of the Emerald Isle. And it seems incredible that the experience of General O'Duffy's Irish Brigade in the Spanish Civil War could have been so quickly and so completely forgotten.

Why Assault Jehovah's witnesses?

To return to the attackers of Jehovah's witnesses. In brief the motives of these agents of the Hierarchy are here impugned: their purpose is quite evidently to discredit the words of a speaker who is too clearly factual; to cloud in the minds of the ignorant or innocent any exposure of the Hierarchy in true character, that of one who is blood-drunk, who does not want her evil discovered, so that she may continue to drink the blood of innocents and devour the nations of earth. "Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents; I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these."—Jeremiah 2:34.

What, on the other hand, is the motive for Jehovah's witnesses? * They have nothing to gain, no gigantic fabulous wealth that is endangered by simple truth, no need for armies to destroy the lives of thousands that selfish religious rulers might continue in power. Jehovah's witnesses are commanded to tell the

* What I like about these fighters in the Watch Tower [Jehovah's witnesses] is the way they defend Democracy and expose the evils of Fascism. They are always eternally right when they educate the masses regarding the Fascist conspiracies of the Catholic Hierarchy in Ethiopia, Italy, Spain and other countries of Fascist intrigue. . . . Wherever Catholicism is strong in this country, there you will find the followers of Judge Rutherford persecuted. These persecutors are the enemies of our free institutions; the persecuted ones are the defenders of our precious liberties, our glorious rights of free press, free thought, free speech and free assembly—rights which the Watch Tower Bible Students never fail to support with every legitimate weapon at their command. . . . I have never heard a word of aggression from Judge Rutherford or any of his colleagues. I have never heard them suggest that men and women should be bound and gagged because they happened to express unpopular opinions.—The Editor of *The American Freeman*.

truth (Isaiah 43); and it does not matter in the least whether anyone listens or not, as far as the result to them is concerned. "And speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear."—Ezekiel 3:11.

Jehovah's witnesses, in obedience to the Most High, are crying out to you honest and fair-minded peoples of earth to save yourselves. If one chooses to believe agents of the Hierarchy, in spite of the facts, he will be the loser, and not those he condemns; and as the Hierarchy gains more power in the earth, because the Lord has decreed that she be entrapped in the fullness of power, the cries of Jehovah's witnesses will likely be silenced for a time. Then the people will learn too late that these spoke in kindness and in obedience to Jehovah of Hosts. In the fullness of power the Hierarchy will be taken and all who give allegiance to her. This is Jehovah's just decree against the abomination that desolates Europe and the whole earth.

Why Libel Judge Rutherford?

Unable to answer the Scriptural proof set forth by Judge Rutherford in his address on "FACE THE FACTS", and on "FASCISM OR FREEDOM", which are now being distributed throughout this country, the Catholic Press of London has made and continues to make many scurrilous, false and libelous charges against Judge Rutherford. We are not interested in this. We are not here defending Judge Rutherford. He needs no defense. Every person who knows him is fully convinced that he is sincerely devoted to Jehovah God and His kingdom. Whether he served a short time or a long time as circuit judge, or whether he was a junk dealer, is beside the question. That throws no light whatsoever upon God's Word. Judge Rutherford is bringing to the people the message of God's Word. It is not a man's message, but the Lord's message, and every honest and sincere person is able to see the truth thereof without the aid of Jesuit priests. No one can truly charge Judge Rutherford with doing wrong. That much cannot be truthfully said about very many Catholic priests. Judge Rutherford left the law to devote himself, and is wholly devoting himself and all his energies, to the service of Jehovah God and His kingdom, and in aiding the people to understand the Bible, that they might flee to the only place of refuge, safety and life.

That much could not be said for any Roman Catholic priest under the sun. Judge Rutherford is aiding the people to understand the Bible, while the Catholic priests are doing all within their power to throw dust in the eyes of the people and to prevent them from knowing what is in the Bible. For this reason honest Catholics are rapidly fleeing from the Catholic domination; and that greatly enrages the Hierarchy.

Sincere Catholic people see that in the Vatican there is no hope held out for them; and seeing the truth, they learn that their only hope is in God's kingdom. Sincere Catholics have been fleeced of their hard-earned money by the agents of the Vatican who regularly go about collecting from laboring men and others their hard-earned money. Jehovah's witnesses go from door to door to encourage, aid and comfort the people to see and to understand how they may obtain blessings from the Lord. This they do without compensation to themselves. The contrast between Jehovah's witnesses and the Hierarchy agents is so marked that honest people everywhere are seeing their privilege of getting away from the Hierarchy domination. This truly is the time in which the scripture at Matthew 25:31-46 is being fulfilled. Christ Jesus, acting by and through His representatives whom He sends throughout the earth, is dividing the people, putting the "goats" on one side and the "sheep" on the other; and the flock of "goats" is made up of the Hierarchy chiefly, and those who support them are also "goats". The "sheep" are those who are willing to be led and taught the truth, and this regardless of whether they have been Catholics, Church of England Episcopalians, Wesleyan Methodists, or anybody else.

This magazine could take up many pages in naming and extolling the virtues of Judge Rutherford, who is laying down his life in the interest of the people; but this is not necessary. It neither adds any glory to the Lord nor brings any comfort to the people and he does not wish this to be done. Forget the man and look at the message, and then decide for yourself whether you wish to be fleeced by these commercial—"purgatory" agents who wrongfully collect money from the people, or whether you want to learn the truth and find the way to life everlasting in peace and happiness. The Catholic organization is a political organization, determined to rule or ruin the peo-

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ple; and it is certainly ruining them. The Lord's organization is the only organization in existence that holds out comfort and aid to the people; and that organization is headed by the Lord Jesus Christ, now present, and who is putting in operation His kingdom, and who will soon destroy all opposition, that peace,

prosperity and life may result to those who love and serve Him. But have this in mind: that only those who become the servants of Jehovah God, who refuse to follow any man or any man-made organization, will be the ones that receive lasting benefit. Shun religion, and serve Christ Jesus the King.

Other British Items

Wages of British Postal Employees

◆ The wages of British postal employees have just been raised, and still seem very meager. Postmen in Inner London may rise to a maximum of 75 shillings a week, which is around \$18.25 per week. An American postman at \$175 per month gets around \$40 per week, but rents and other living expenses are much less in Britain than here.

Trains Delayed by Seaweed

◆ It is surely an odd circumstance that electric trains were delayed by seaweed, but it happened in London. So much seaweed backed up in the Thames that it choked the water supply in one of the electric generating stations. That reduced the steam supply and made it necessary for 20 minutes to cut down the speed of the trains.

Cash for Mental Patients

◆ Experiments on the Isle of Wight with mental patients on probation shows that they are much benefited by being entrusted with small sums of money. The jingling of coins in their pockets gives them a sense of independence and acts as a mental restorative. The experiment is proving a wonderful success.

Fascism in Kendal, England

◆ In Kendal, England, a Fascist chief of police ordered that an attendant be posted at the exit of each cinema, so that at the conclusion of each show no one may leave until the national anthem is played. The rule is strictly enforced, and thus, little by little, Fascism comes to Britain.

Color Bar in Britain

◆ Britain has few colored persons. Occasionally representative visitors come from Africa and other colonial possession. These are frequently treated in such a way as to return to where they came from with less love for the empire than they had before.

Open Idolatry in Britain

◆ At Cerne Abbas, Dorset, England, is a statue cut out of the hillside in pagan times known as the Cerne giant. Many will be astonished to learn that in front of this giant statue, commonly called "the love god", British girls have been worshiping every year for centuries. After darkness they come and pray him to send them a sweetheart, and young wives come and plead for children. This, in England!

Saved Twelve Lives by Being Late

◆ At Lount colliery, Leicester, England, twelve men were about to go down a deep shaft when it was discovered that one of the twelve was a few moments late. The first trip down, therefore, the cage was sent down with mining equipment instead of men. It broke away and dropped several hundred feet to the bottom. Had the men been aboard all would certainly have been killed.

British Post Office

◆ The British Post Office is supposed to be making money, even though the country is virtually bankrupt.

The average surplus of the British Post Office for the past five years exceeded £12,000,000. Wages paid to postal workers are low, seldom reaching £5 a week, with most of them much below that figure.

Burglars of 14

◆ It was Mark Twain that said that every boy should be kept in a barrel and fed through the bung-hole until he is 14 and then the bung-hole should be closed. It seems they must be thinking something like that in Britain since they discovered that of the 9,881 persons found guilty in 1937 of breaking and entering 39 percent were under 14 years of age.

Trinidad Tears Up the Magna Charta

SOLICITUDE for those who hate the Magna Charta is not amusing or pathetic. It is criminal, disgusting, cowardly and contemptible. In the island of Trinidad, British West Indies, there are Hindus, Mohammedans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Methodists and Roman Catholics. The latter believe and openly teach that they alone have the right to teach, and that it is right for them, if they can do so, to suppress by any means whatever those who teach differently. There are also a few Christians, called Jehovah's witnesses. The latter are singular and peculiar because they not only profess to believe the Bible, but do believe it.

The government of Trinidad is solicitous for one of the groups above named. Which of these groups, do you imagine, is the object of its paternal care? Can it be that it is solicitous for the good name and fame of the religion of Edward VIII, married of late by a clergyman of the Church of England? Of course not. Britain is the land of the Magna Charta and believes in free speech and fair play, or at least it did, and no politician in any of its colonies would stoop to defend the Church of England by underhand methods.

But the Government of Trinidad is so deeply moved for the interests of one of the groups above mentioned that it "devised mischief by a law" which prohibits admission into the colony of Bibles if printed by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society; books explaining the Bible if printed by the same Society, and song books containing hymns of praise to the Creator if published by the same.

In whose interest, pray, is all this paternal care exercised? Is it for the Hindus? No; they

may still worship their idols, believe what they like and teach it to others. Is it for the Mohammedans? No; they may still look forward to an eternity spent in the arms of the houris, the black-eyed and beautiful nymphs of paradise, and the men, at least, can work for converts as they will. Is it for the Presbyterians? No; they may still teach that they are elect, set apart for eternal mercies, while others are set apart for climates hotter than Trinidad. Is it for the Methodists, who believe the results will be the same as by the Presbyterian system, but that the Creator does the best He can to prevent it? No; they still have the right to teach what they wish.

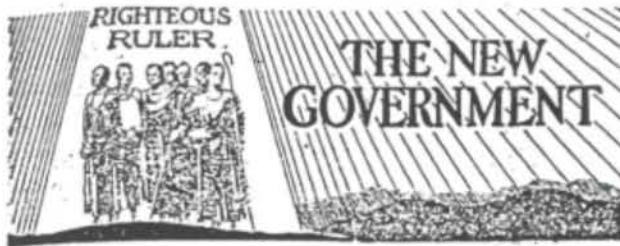
Ah! there is one group left. Can it be possible that the politicians of Trinidad are deeply moved for the Roman Catholic Hierarchy because they and their followers are few, and, despite the oft-repeated and extravagant claims of what they would do to their fellow men if only they had the power, these politicians wish to make sure that no harm can come to them until they commit some overt acts? Yes, and no! The solicitude is for the Hierarchy and its following, but it is not because they are *few*, but, according to the politicians, it is because there are so *many* in Trinidad. That is why the Christians, Jehovah's witnesses, must, so the politicians say, be deprived of their privilege of reading or circulating their Bible literature.

How would you like to live in a place where those who at heart are evil and wicked, and openly confess it in their public statements, are protected by politicians at the expense of the taxpayers, and Christians are deprived of their most elementary rights? Such is Trinidad.

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To the house of fulsome tragedies



The Deflation of Justice Hart

♦ Irondequoit is a town in Monroe county, state of New York. Its justice of the peace is Arthur L. Hart. As such justice he is quite an important personage. He has the power to pass on questions of law and fact, and is empowered to levy fines and to impose prison sentences against those brought before him charged with crime.

Sometimes a little power has a bad effect upon the minds of people. It causes an overestimation of their position in relation to the rest of the families of the earth. The story of Justice of the Peace Hart's overvaluation of himself and of its deflation is here told for the delectation of *Consolation* readers.

On December 12 last, one of Jehovah's witnesses, Mary Guthrie, a pioneer publisher, visited residents of Irondequoit at their homes. While so engaged she called upon Florence Donoghue. Never mind guessing Mrs. Donoghue's church. She announces it for herself. She listened to a Biblical record played on Mrs. Guthrie's phonograph, and then emphatically stated, "I am a Catholic." She thereupon demonstrated clearly the Catholic mode of objecting to Bible lectures by shaking her fist, storming around, and ordering the pioneer publisher off the porch.

Picking up the phonograph, the publisher departed. The matter should have ended right there. It would have been better for Mrs. Donoghue and Justice of the Peace Hart if it had. But the shocked condition of Mrs. Donoghue's Papalistic susceptibilities impelled her to further action. She went to Justice Hart and swore to an information in which it was charged that Mary Guthrie "annoyed, dis-

turbed, interfered with, and was offensive to her" by "starting to play a phonograph" and "trying to sell religious leaflets". Thereupon the officers of the law sallied forth, and in due course of time Mary Guthrie was brought before Arthur L. Hart, justice of the peace, and tried upon the charges stated in Mrs. Donoghue's information.

There was no evidence that the accused one had violated any law. It was true that she did play a phonograph record containing a Bible lecture. It was true that she did present some Bible leaflets to Mrs. Donoghue. But it is not against the law to do those things. Nevertheless, Justice Hart made full use of the powers given to him by law and found the defendant

guilty of the offense charged. He thereupon levied a fine of ten dollars against her, plus a sentence of ten days in the Monroe County Penitentiary. He suspended the penitentiary sentence, however, upon condition that the defendant "stay out of Irondequoit hereafter". That, fellow democrats, is some judicial

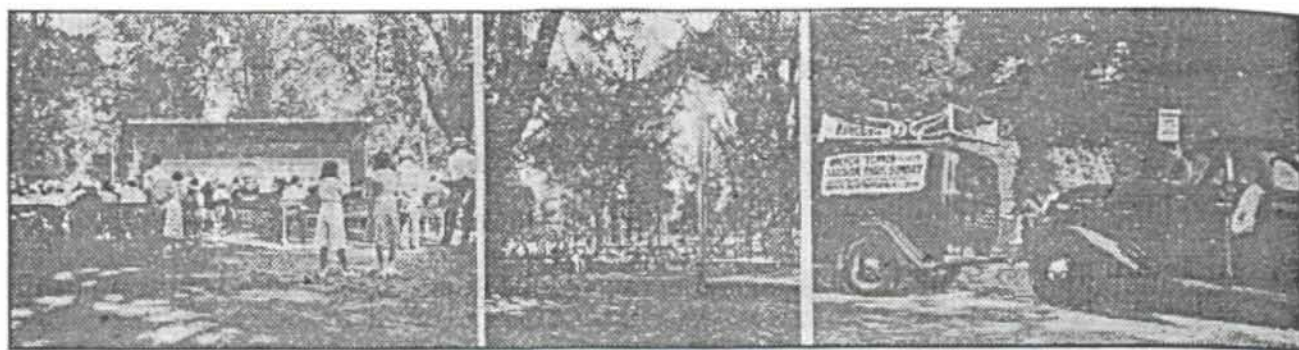
pronunciamento. It brings to light and manifests the evil effects of that well-known disease which may be designated "bloating of the cranium". This local justice seems to be afflicted with the final stages of that disease, and therefore imagines that he is as big a man as "I-am-the-law" Hague, of Jersey City.

In accordance with Hart's finding and judgment, the defendant, a God-fearing, Christian woman, must stay out of Irondequoit thenceforth, thereafter and forevermore. She is *persona non grata* on streets and sidewalks, in hotels, restaurants, business places, residences, and in all other portions of the town. She is excommunicated, banished and exiled. Ten days in jail await her any time she returns. No judicial precedent is cited as authority for this autocratic, imperious decree. It came from the inflated mental recesses of the town's justice of the peace, unsupported by statute, ordinance, edict, rubric or maxim; and undoubtedly it brought great comfort and peace of mind to Florence Donoghue and others of like mind.

But their joy was short-lived.



Jehovah's Kingdom publishers' information march, Orlando, Florida



Some of the thousand listeners to a transcription lecture

Mary Guthrie, through her attorneys, took an appeal to the Monroe County court, where, after due argument and the filing of briefs, the county judge entered a decision reversing the judgment of the Honorable Justice of the Peace Arthur L. Hart and setting aside the conviction. Thereupon now, henceforth and for evermore Mary Guthrie may walk the streets of Irondequoit unmolested and without fear of incarceration; and His Honor, the justice of the peace of the community, will, in mental structure, decline, abate and subside to the usual condition, size and temperature of the normal human person.

Texas Boy with a Conscience

◆ The world needs nothing human so much as it needs boys and girls with consciences like those of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. There are many such among the children of Jehovah's witnesses. Having heard the truth all their lives, and seen their parents live it, the children want to live it too.

Texas has many such boys. God bless every one of them. Noel is one of them, age 11. He did not want to sing patriotic songs if there is anything about war in them. He would sing the first two verses of one of the songs, but not the last one. He would not sing a song about 'his soul taking its flight to God'. His desire is to live forever on the earth. He did not wish to participate in Christmas celebrations. He had read of the origin of Christmas, in this magazine. He would not participate in a song that asked God to bless a new school building, its walls, windows, chimneys, doors, etc. He was sure such a song would not be in harmony with the Scriptures. His teachers so far have seen the point every time, and that shows that they are up to the highest standard of the American teaching tradition, and worthy of Noel's love

and respect, and he of theirs. The story leaked out in a letter.

The Battle in Jamaica

◆ The former mayor of Kingston, who caused Jehovah's witnesses to be taken into court some time ago, is not re-elected. The new mayor gave us the privilege of delivering lectures in the Race Course for three nights. Over 1,500 persons heard the lectures, and much interest was shown. There are 105 phonographs in use in the work in the island; also seven portable transcription machines and two sound-cars, and, by God's help, we expect to tan the old woman's [Roman Catholic Hierarchy's] hide.—P. H. Davidson, Jamaica.

Joys of Kingdom Service

◆ Several years ago, while in Smithfield, I witnessed to one of the nicest persons I have ever met while delivering the message of truth. This woman was very poor. She asked the price of the booklet and I told her I would let her have it on a contribution of five cents. She told me that she had no money, and they were too good to be given away for nothing. I told her that I would let her have it for nothing if she promised to read it. She refused the offer, so I bade her good day. As I started to the next house I noticed some beautiful climbing roses in her yard. They were yellow and very large. I went back to the house and asked if she would let me have a few of those roses, and I in turn would give her a booklet; then the book would not be given away for nothing. This she was very glad to do. I had pretty yellow roses and she had the message of truth. I never have had a more interesting and pleasant experience than this.—Patty Mahone, pupil in Gates Kingdom School, Pennsylvania.

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Curtailing Freedom of Speech

♦ Because the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has remained silent while the Roman Hierarchy tried every way to force Judge Rutherford off the air, it is with some interest that note is made of its public and hypocritical statement:

In a democracy freedom of speech is a priceless possession. No administrative government agency is wise enough to be entrusted with power to determine what people shall hear. Freedom of radio is almost, if not quite, as important as freedom of the press. If either is curtailed, our political and religious liberties are imperiled. For this reason we believe any attempt to regulate utterances over the radio by an administrative government agency, except within canons of decency, propriety and public safety clearly defined by statute, is dangerous and contrary to public policy.



Transcription setup in Plaza Park, Los Angeles

Tribute from an Honest Heart

Mr. J. F. Rutherford,
Pres. Watch Tower and Tract Society,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rutherford—

I take this opportunity of writing you in behalf of the organization of Jehovah's witnesses over which you are supervisor under the guidance of the Great Jehovah God, Creator, for the wonderful message that is being transmitted to the world of mankind. I am fully assured that you are carrying the greatest blessing to the distressed that has ever been preached since our Lord trod the paths of tribulation and distress here on earth.

It is surely a great work. I have had the opportunity of reading your many, many booklets on different subjects of discussion regarding the religious impostor groups that call themselves leaders of Christianity, and your conception according to the Bible is straight, hard facts. I have long lost all respect for such bigotry and hypocrisy as is demonstrated by the deceitful clergy of all denominations, and feel that their day is doomed through the coming kingdom of Jehovah God, as there cannot be any hope for the

world except through and by His arrangement of things. It is pitiful to witness what methods are being adopted by these satanic concerns in order to just stand a little longer. But the Light of Truth is gradually shining more and more until the dark corners will be rid of all the Cathedral Bats, and they will have to come out in the light and be censured by the Word of truth.

Your criticism of the Hierarchy, measured by the one Book, is surely commendable and, above all, is true. I firmly believe that the undercover methods of this organization have been the foundation or cause of millions of peoples of all nationalities to undergo great sufferings and deprivation.

Keep up the wonderful work, and may the Lord guide and direct all your efforts to the establishment of a government of peace and happiness throughout the suffering world, through

His Son, the Redeemer.

Yours respectfully,

Raymond McGhee, Virginia.

Providence Visitor

♦ The *Providence Visitor*, advocate of the highly intelligent (?) philosophy that anybody with the cash can bribe Almighty God to let his friends out of a "purgatory" where they are being "roasted" to a sienna brown, is so good as to let its readers know that Jehovah's witnesses are "walking psychopaths". But it is sufficiently apprehensive of the fate of its racket to advise its readers that "common sense tells us not to argue with them". That seems reasonable. Suppose now you had a fool racket, like "purgatory", that had not a single leg to stand on, wouldn't it worry you, if the racket was a bear for bringing in the coin of the realm, if somebody would go around among your folks and tell them the plain truth? If you were a priest, you would want to keep the cash coming just as long as possible.

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British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

General

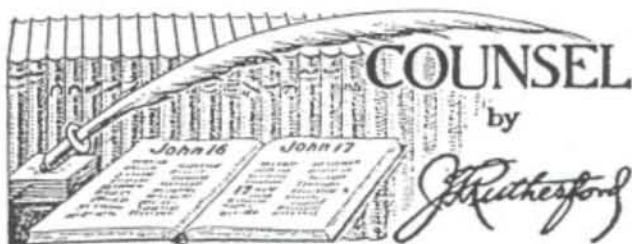
● Conscription is now a definite factor of the Government's rearmament policy. Its first victims are the young men between 20 and 21 years of age. No doubt, in deciding on that age the Government considered that the removal of the 300,000 who are liable to be called will cause less disturbance in the workshops and to professional occupations than there would be if older men were called up. It is a safe prophecy to say that it will not be long before there is a much wider fling of the conscription net, and later a general commandeering of the human power of the country and of all its resources. The voracious maw of the military, naval and air forces will be kept wide open; for the troubles which have brought on this thing will not be settled by talks and pacts or by any policy of appeasement. The Labor party is making its voice heard in Parliament in opposition to the Cabinet's announced decision; but the Government has a majority which is ready to carry out the calls of the Cabinet, and the necessary act to make conscription a law of the land will be passed. The opposition of the Labor party, whether in or out of Parliament, does not mean that there will be concerted opposition after conscription is law: the party will not produce a great crop of conscientious objectors. Their position, with which many others agree, is that the government is not under the necessity of compelling men to join the forces; that the voluntary system is meeting the needs. Many of those who object to the Government's Bill believe that the action of the Government is partly a party move, taking advantage of the present situation to further a policy which many have wanted to fasten on the people. Undoubtedly there are many supporters of the Government who are of the Fascist turn of mind.

A great cry about Mr. Chamberlain's inconsistency is raised. It is only a short time since he declared conscription should not be introduced in peacetime, yet here it is in action. His answer is an easy one for a politician. He avers that in a very real sense the country is

at war. Certainly the relationships of the European nations, including Britain, are in a state of war. The guns are not shooting, but all the nations are under the duress of war conditions, and no one knows, probably not Hitler himself, when he may be moved by his "controls" to take an action that will make the guns in all Europe blaze in action. The conditions which existed when Chamberlain spoke his promise no longer obtain: the tempo is quickening and threatens to get to fever pace. Opponents of the policy of the Government say, and probably with truth, that if Chamberlain had taken a different course the present serious conditions in which Britain is now involved would not have arisen and that there would have been no need for conscription. An editorial in *Reynolds News*, the organ of the Co-operative Societies, puts its statement on conscription very bluntly. Under the caption, "Conscription: a Step to Fascism," it says: "Mussolini decides who shall fill the post of Foreign Secretary [a reference to the dismissal of Mr. Eden from that office]. Hitler influences the appointment of the Ministry of Supply and the trend of British foreign policy. France and Poland drive us into conscription! This is the fate, under Mr. Chamberlain, of the free democracy of the world's mightiest empire. . . . he breaks his pledges to organized Labour . . . imports alien ideas to solve problems precipitated by his own incompetence."

Consistency in keeping to one's statements is not to be expected from a politician, for times and circumstances change; but it is not always easy to understand the attitude of these men towards their former actions and their very definite pronouncements. The *London Star* reminds its readers of some words of Sir John Simon, the chancellor of the exchequer, who is next to the premier in importance of office and is, of course, his supporter in his policy in conscription. The *Star* says, "Sir John Simon, on January 5, 1916, after resigning from the Government as a protest against conscription during the last war, said, 'Do not pay Prussian militarism the compliment of imitating the most hateful of its institutions.'" The country was then in the thick of the war, yet he resigned office rather than support this hateful thing, believing it was not necessary to the support of the Government's need. But the Government has entered into commitments with France

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Jehovah's witnesses

THERE are those who are properly called Jehovah's witnesses. They are not religionists; for the reason, they do not practice religion. They do not compose a sect, nor a denomination. Jehovah God being all-powerful and therefore fully able to carry out His purpose without assistance, why should He have witnesses on the earth at this time? For the purpose of declaring His name and notifying the people of His purpose, in order that the people of good will toward Him, and who desire righteousness, may know what to do; also that notice may be served upon God's enemies that His purpose is to destroy them at Armageddon, which is near at hand. Satan, the Devil, has at all times taken the lead in opposition to Jehovah God. He declared that he could turn all men against Jehovah and that God could not put men on earth who under the test would remain faithful and true to the Almighty God. That challenge Jehovah accepted and said to Satan: 'For this cause have I permitted thee to remain, that I might show thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.' (Exodus 9:16, *Leeser*) Jehovah there expressed His purpose to permit Satan to have full opportunity to carry out his wicked challenge, and God further stated that He would have His name declared throughout the earth immediately before destruction should come upon Satan and his agents. That prophecy is now in course of fulfillment.

Who are Jehovah's witnesses? The Lord Jesus Christ is the chief witness of Jehovah God, and He bears the title "The Faithful and True Witness". (Revelation 3:14) In response to a question propounded to Him, Jesus announced that He was born and came into the world that He might bear witness to the truth and that the Word of Jehovah God is truth; therefore He is Jehovah's Chief Witness. (John 18:37; 17:17) Jehovah had on the earth a few men who acted as His witnesses and who testified concerning His name throughout the entire period of time from

Abel to John the Baptist; and a list of such witnesses is set forth at Hebrews the eleventh chapter. With the disciples of Jesus Christ at Pentecost God began the taking out from the nations "a people for his name" which people or persons are commissioned and sent out in the world to bear testimony to the name and purpose of the Almighty God and which persons are designated in the Scriptures by the name "Jehovah's witnesses". To those faithful ones devoted to Jehovah and His kingdom God specifically says: 'Ye are my witnesses that I am God.' (Isaiah 43:10, 12) From the time of the apostles of Jesus Christ onward Jehovah had on earth some witnesses, all of whom are properly called Christians because they followed the lead of Christ Jesus, the Chief Witness. In that time many persons have professed to be Christians but instead have followed human leaders, relying upon the teachings of men, instead of relying upon the Bible, which contains the Word of God; hence such persons have followed and practiced religion. A religionist is not a witness for Jehovah, for the reason that religion is against God. The mass of the people who follow religion do so because they have been and are deceived by the Devil, the author of religion. It has been difficult for men to resist the temptation placed before them by the Devil in the form of religion. Unless one follows closely the Word of God he is almost certain to fall into the religious trap of Satan.

What persons on earth today are in fact Jehovah's witnesses? Only those who are wholly and entirely devoted to Jehovah God and His kingdom. All such are Christians because Christ Jesus is God's duly anointed King to rule the world; and those who are for His kingdom, and who follow Christ and proclaim the name of God, the great King of Eternity, are the witnesses to the name of Jehovah. The time for putting the kingdom of Jehovah in full control of the world is here. The Devil knows this, and he is desperately trying to turn all persons away from Jehovah, and he uses religion as his chief means of accomplishing that purpose.

All true followers of Christ Jesus must be and are witnesses to the name and kingdom of the Almighty God, Jehovah, and hence are properly called Jehovah's witnesses. All such must declare the name of Jehovah, which name carries with it the purpose of His kingdom. Associated with those whom God has taken out of the world as a people for His name are

others who are designated by the Lord as 'my other sheep', that is to say, persons who are of good will toward God and His kingdom. These are otherwise mentioned as Jonadabs, and will form the great multitude. When such persons of good will hear the message of Jehovah's kingdom they too join in the proclamation of His name and kingdom. They have

learned that the only means of salvation is by and through Christ Jesus, the King, and that Jehovah God has provided such salvation for those that turn wholly to Him and His kingdom. They are anxious to tell others about the purpose of Jehovah God, and hence they join in giving testimony to His name and to His kingdom.

A California Dust Storm



According to reports, California had dust storms recently, which is rather unique for that western paradise. It also had a dust storm in Sacramento when the friends of Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy tried to put through a Fascist measure and got caught in the act. Some alleged details of the origin of this storm in the California legislature are contained in the following letter, but don't take them too seriously. The Roman Hierarchy is too slick to stick its own fingers in the fire. There are always plenty of suckers ready to do its bidding. So why not the Elks, if the latter had anything to do with it? Fifteen hundred years of skillful political double-crossing has taught the Hierarchy to keep out of sight when it wants to slip something over. But here is O'Donnell's letter, for what it is worth, anyway. It is addressed to Roy Harvey, West Sacramento, and reads:

As you may know, there has been a barrage of correspondence on myself and most other members of the Legislature relative to Assembly Bill No. 343.

The authors of these thousands of letters are uniformly misinformed as to the origin of this bill known as the "Flag Salute" bill. Each letter uniformly asserts that the thought contained in the bill is promulgated by Fascists and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

I have investigated the matter personally and find the bill is sponsored by the Elks Lodge here in Sacramento. I have also interviewed the members of the Assembly and can not find where any member has ever received any request by any member of the Catholic Church for the bill. I cannot speak for the Fascists as I am unable to find any such here.

I asked a Catholic priest for his opinion and he said that while he could see no objection to the bill, he could see no particular necessity for it. I consulted two school principals who voiced the same opinion except to add that patriotism could better be taught by education than by law.

The flag is but the symbol of religious liberty. A salute is but the outward allegiance to that fundamental principle, attributing neither salvation nor worship. No legislation can, or will, abrogate or interfere with this sacred right.

Yours very truly,

JOHN H. O'DONNELL

O'Donnell Works the Bellows

♦ The wind that is to blow liberty out of California, and is to substitute totalitarian misrule in its place, is from the Devil. The bellows is the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. The Elks are merely a convenient bellows nozzle. O'Donnell is merely blowing the bellows. He hides behind the 'refuge of lies'.—Isaiah 28:15.

The Hierarchy having deliberately connived for the destruction of Ethiopia, the German Republic, the Austrian Republic, the Czechoslovakian Republic, the Spanish Republic, and other centers of liberty, is determined to destroy the liberties of the American Republic, and is embarrassed by the fact that there is still in this country a certain amount of states' rights. So the fight must be carried into each state.

All Mr. O'Donnell needs to do is to look in the glass and say to himself,

Here is a man that believes that the Roman Catholic Church is God; that when he thinks of God and the institutions of his native land, his god (the god of this world, the Devil) comes first, and if it came to a showdown he would demand that (as on United States battleships) the pope's flag should fly above the United States flag, and the pope's will should be done in this country, first, last and all the time, regardless of the United States Constitution, laws, liberties or anything else.

It is impossible for any person to be a real Roman Catholic and an American patriot at the same time. He will say he is a patriot; anybody can do that; and anybody but a real patriot can be forced to do it. That is what this flag-salute rumpus is all about. Those that

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are not patriots are determined to force some kind of totalitarian submission down the necks of the real ones, so that they can go ahead and turn the entire country over to those that receive their instruction from Vatican City.

Is it possible that Mr. O'Donnell does not know that in these flag-salute measures his gang have a wonderful chance to pose as patriots when they are nothing of the sort? It is not possible. He well knows that similar measures are afoot in every corner of the country and of the world. Rome is determined to grab control of the entire earth, to do it in the name of

patriotism and to make it a hell for anybody that resists. Look at the newspapers, the movies and the radio, and see the sickening slop fed to the American people to try to make them think that their worst enemy is their best friend. O'Donnell helps.

O'Donnell thinks he is fooling Mr. Harvey and other sensible people of California. The difficulty is that he has fooled them once too often and got into the legislature and now thinks he can keep the job up by continuing to fool all the people all the time. He will probably lose out on that job.

All the World Wondering—Exactly as Foretold

(In Three Parts—Part 2)

"And I saw one of his heads, as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast."—Revelation 13:3.

80,000,000 People in Terror



IT IS one thing to read about what is going on in Germany, and it is quite another thing to be one of the 80,000,000 people immediately affected. How would you like to live in a place where the "government" (?) demands to know your innermost thoughts on every important subject? All inhabitants of Germany between the ages of 5 and 71 are being catalogued, so that the State will know everything about everybody. Cards of females are green, those of males are brown, and those of Jews are stamped with a capital J.

This insane infatuation of snooperism is now world-wide. A lady in London increased the wages of her German maid. The maid indiscreetly told a German friend of her good fortune. In no time the maid was told she would have to pay a larger income tax. She refused, and was told the excess would be collected from her parents in Vienna. In a few days came a telephone call from Berlin. The lady answered the telephone herself and was met with a flood of demands for information about her German maid. Can you imagine such beastliness?

Letter from a German Clerk

"You think life has become easier for us? You are wrong. Everything is much harder. You think that only the wretched Jews need to be on the watch, to fear every footstep they hear, tremble at every unexpected knock on the door? No; for each one of us life is per-

manently threatened, all of us are under continuous observation. At home, the house-warden (*Blockwart*) watches us, and besides him there is the air-raid warden, and others we don't even know. They keep an index-card for each of us, and note how much we give to the winter-relief, how much we spend on food parcels (*Einpfundpakete*), whether we hang out flags on holidays, how big our flags are, whether we make a good show of them. They know what we eat, who visits us, they note the make of our wireless sets and observe that we can get shortwave stations. They censor our post, they know where our relatives are, who are our friends, what our conversation is, and even notice in what tone of voice we ask for the 125 grams of butter we are allowed each week. I have never been interested in politics, I know nothing about political parties, but suddenly everything has become political, everything I say or do, everything I don't say or don't do—I want a little peace and quiet for once, to live for myself, for once to walk with a friend on Sunday in the woods, go out in a canoe—but how can that be possible?

"And whom can I trust, and when? I should like to speak out for once, but don't dare—and what things go on during a single day at my office! The bookkeeper worries at me, asks me dangerous questions, tries to make me contradict myself, asks me what I think of the Führer's latest speech, if they haven't gone too far with the Jews, for after all "they are only men". If I didn't happen to know the man had once broken out in fury because I

hadn't fallen into any of his traps I should have been taken in by him long ago. Or the "new man" who joined the staff one day; he was supposed to have been abroad a long time, talked a lot about how they lived there, and was full of information. You might have taken him for an honest opponent of the régime. A month later it came out he was there only to test me. But it isn't only me they treat like that; they treat everybody in the same way, even those they send out as stool-pigeons. One man spies on another and tries to do him down. And every spy has another spy to boss him. Everyone knows he is being watched all the time, and for everyone such a life is a terrible, unbearable burden.

"But worst of all is the loneliness. We are all so terribly alone. If you haven't known someone a long time and very well, you can trust no one. So we lie, and sometimes don't even know any longer if we're lying or telling the truth. We talk a language that wasn't taught at any school, and must be unintelligible to anyone who doesn't know how we live. They're always writing in the newspapers that we should "live dangerously"—oh yes, we do live dangerously. I swear to you I do nothing against the régime. I don't know what I could do against it, or how. I won't have anything to do with politics and I understand nothing about it, and I only see that politics makes men bad. But merely because I'd like to be a free, open man again, because I want to say what I think and do what I like, I have put myself

in danger of being denounced. I may receive a summons, be arrested, imprisoned, disappear and never return. Such things have happened. I may lose my job and they will write on my

employment card that I was dismissed "for political reasons" and then it will be impossible to get a job or relief anywhere. I shall be outlawed. All that is left is forced labor—God knows where.

"You must realize, this is our daily life, that and nothing else. The walls, the ceilings, the floors, the doors, have ears. And the eavesdroppers behind the walls no longer even hear their own shame spoken of among us. We don't speak—we whisper; we don't laugh, we don't sing, as if we were evil men who have no songs. In the evening, when it is dark and I walk home from the tube station along the quiet avenue, I am overcome and begin to cry, but no one must see, and if I hear footsteps I hide my face as well as I can in my coat collar, for the man might guess why I am crying. Yet I am not crying for myself. I

cry for all of us."—*The Spectator*.

A Colossal Failure



As a government the Nazi dictatorship has the outward appearance of a huge success, but is a stupendous failure. The real reason for stripping the German Jews of their property is seen in the huge increase in the German public debt.

The total public indebtedness for the old
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The Big Circle Makes It Easy to Vote for Hitler

Sudetendeutsche Ergänzungswahl zum Großdeutschen Reichstag

Wahlzettel

Bekennst Du Dich zu unserem Führer

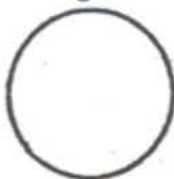
Adolf Hitler

dem Befreier des Sudetenlandes, und gibst Du Deine
Stimme dem Wahlvorschlag der
Nationalsozialistischen Deutschen Arbeiterpartei?

Dieser führt an seiner Spitze folgende Namen auf:

1. Adolf Hitler
2. Konrad Henlein
3. Karl Hermann Frank

Ja



Nein



Associated Press photo
This is the official ballot for the vote tomorrow in which the Sudeten Germans will name thirty members to the German parliament. The large circle is for a "yes" vote, the smaller one for "no." The ballot reads: "Sudeten German Supplementary Election to the Great German Reichstag. Ballot paper. Do you acknowledge as our Führer Adolf Hitler, the liberator of Sudetenland, and do you give your vote to the list of the National Socialist German Labor Party? The following names head the list: 1. Adolf Hitler. 2. Konrad Henlein. 3. Karl Hermann Frank"

A sample Sudeten ballot
(From the New York Herald Tribune)

Germany was 24,300,000,000 marks, at the time Hitler assumed power. At the close of 1938 the total German public debt, including municipalities, states and Austria, was put at 41,000,000,000 marks, with an additional secret debt of 20,000,000,000 marks for labor creation and armament bills.

Since 1934 the General Motors Opel works in Germany made a paper profit of \$4,000,000, but not a cent of it has been permitted to leave Germany. The Germans have invented a system of taking money away from foreigners that seems to work with the same precision as a similar system worked in Russia when the Communists came into power. Indeed, Communism and Nazism are as alike as two peas in a pod.

If Germany denounces all short-term foreign loans, as is anticipated, private foreign banks are due to lose about \$200,000,000, and there is no political trick they would not perform to avoid such a loss. Some idea of the economic pinch in Germany may be obtained from the fact that in the past ten years the railways have 4,000 fewer locomotives and 80,000 fewer cars; but it must not be forgotten that railroads are on the down grade everywhere, and Germany probably has the best motor roads in the world. Nevertheless, eighty percent of German freight still moves by rail, and only two percent by truck. Eighteen percent is carried by water.

Housewives in Germany complain that butter, oranges and onions are often not to be had. They can seldom get any eggs, but when they do they can usually get but two at a time. Foods that are scarce are rationed and must be obtained every day or not at all.

Increasing evidence of financial pressure on the Reich is seen in the fact that the largest coffee dealer in Berlin, Zuntz, was without a

particle of coffee of any grade on hand January 21, 1939. Some stores were still able to sell as much as one-eighth of a pound at one time, but in other stores customers could purchase only enough coffee to make three cups.

In the year 1938 the United States made more than eight times as many trucks as were made in Germany, and more than seven times as many automobiles, and the automobiles were of a much higher type than the baby carriages on wheels which prevail in Hitlerdom.

In his work *Defilement of Race*, published at Düsseldorf, Germany, Dietrich Hutten gives his country a black eye when he says that there are now in that unhappy country—

250,000 mentally ill and afflicted with nervous disorders.
90,000 idiots (in public institutions).
90,000 epileptics.
45,000 deaf and dumb, (Majority of parents had syphilis.)
35,000 blind (75 percent of parents had venereal diseases).
370,000 children in foster

care. (Mostly procreated in a state of drunkenness.)

1,000,000 venereal cases (mostly contracted when drunk).

1,000,000 tuberculosis cases.

300,000 alcoholic addicts.

3,180,000—5 percent of Germany's population [then], to which must be added all the sick persons not included in this statistic!



Best social usage in totalitarian states

The Young Are Captivated

The young of Germany are captivated by the way in which Hitler turned the tables on the Allies. Of the 400 clauses in the Treaty of Versailles he has succeeded in scrapping 264; that makes him a real hero in the eyes of some. It cannot be denied that the treaty was cruelly unjust, the work of heartless men.

Only a few months after the United States Government forbade the export of helium gas

to Germany, to supply noninflammable lifting power for her zeppelins, a vast body of natural gas was discovered on the western frontier which is found on analysis to be about two percent helium.

It is necessary to again enlarge the Kiel ship canal, connecting the North and Baltic seas. Over a thousand ships a week now pass through the canal, their size is greatly increased, and the canal will now be sufficiently enlarged so that the largest ocean liners may go in either direction at all times. The length of the canal is slightly over 53 miles.

Germany is the first country to definitely stake out a claim (230,000 square miles) in Antarctica, and takes the reasonable ground that only actual survey and seriously planned utilization of territory constitute a just claim to it. The territory they claim is marked by Reich flags to the east, west and south and by the ocean on the north. Cape Town, South Africa, is the nearest port.

The Germans have worked out a scientific war-scare business. The Goebbels machine starts the scare, the foreign exchange markets in New York and London drop, the German traders buy, the war scare disappears and the German traders sell and pocket the differences. It is a smooth scheme and works all O.K.

In America, if you don't like your job you can go somewhere else; but new laws in force in Germany are that if you don't like your job, and that job happens to be in agriculture, forestry, chemicals, fabrication of building materials, iron and steel, and mining other than soft coal mining, you have to stay put.

War whoops, rearmament and grandiose public works have put an end to unemployment in Germany. Men of seventy are returning to their tasks, employees must have permission to quit their jobs, and in the stores one clerk often does the work of two. Many German-Americans have returned to their native land to secure the steady employment, even though they know in advance that they will have less on the table. The way one man put it was, "The only thing you get better here is eats, and if you have no work you can't eat." It must be admitted that is true; and therein lies the strength of the totalitarian régime: it can and does make work for everybody, and whether they like the work or not.

In the month of April 10,000,000 German boys and girls arbitrarily and compulsorily became members of the Hitler Youth, which will have exclusive charge of the entire Ger-

man youth as respects their physical, mental and moral education outside the home and school. Compulsory service begins at the age of 10 and from then until death every able-bodied citizen is in the Hitler Youth, the Labor Service, the Army, the Armed Reserve or the Reich Warriors League. In other words, he is a slave for life, and compelled to listen to Nazi programs and imbibe Nazi philosophies as long as he lives. Neglect of the Word of God brought the German people to this disgraceful ending of their liberties.

Germany now has government control of wages and hours, can take any man from private work and put him on government work, and forbids private employers to take him away by offering better pay or shorter hours.

Instruction in Cruelty

The German Youth, and all Germans, will be instructed in heartlessness. What this will mean may be judged from the following story originally published in the Swiss paper *Volksrecht*, translated from that and published in the French *Consolation*, and from the French into English by F. R. Freer, of England. A man who escaped from the Gestapo in three days [he was not one of Jehovah's witnesses, for they are never released now] sets forth the Hitler philosophy in all its hideousness:

I was but three days in the hands of the Gestapo, but they were days that seemed like years, so great were my sufferings. Was I still among civilized people? Is it possible today that civilization, so proud of its culture and attainments, can inflict treatment on innocent people that no humane man could wish an animal to endure?

I might believe I had been the victim of a terrible nightmare if my bruised body did not remind me of my dreadful experiences. I hear again the rough voice of the officer saying to me, "You understand we know how to force you to speak; you know as well that we have the right, without any further verdict, to imprison you or send you to a concentration camp. You have white hands, sir. Do you want them covered with blisters? and do you want to find out how the men in the marshes sweat at their work?" And here my questioner let loose an avalanche of filthy words that would have made the most hardened criminals blush.

That was only the beginning. Afterwards I was led to a dark, cold cell. An insensate fear tortured my brain. I was in too great agony to rest, even for a moment. From the room where I had been beaten, and which was next to my cell, came the sound of terrible oaths. But in the end I became indifferent to them, and indeed to everything. In

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such a case one can breathe freely only when the cell door is closed behind him and he is left alone.

But here is a newcomer to my cell. What a pitiful air he has, poor wretch! Blood flows down his forehead. His shirt is ripped. His chest is skinned and torn. In spite of his athletic build he lets himself fall on the cold stone floor trembling. In my heart I thank God that my treatment has been less cruel. With my handkerchief I tried to clean up the unfortunate man. After taking off his trousers I was seized with terror. I could not take my eyes off his swollen legs and his broken teeth. What must he have undergone—this good-looking man of kindly mien? He continued to tremble with grief and fright.

I learned that night that he was a Bible Student [one of Jehovah's witnesses], a mason by trade, married and the father of five children. He had been arrested by the Gestapo, and taken to the concentration camp at Susturm, where he had remained a year, working in the marshes from sunrise till evening. Badly fed, he had been subjected to the most tyrannical persecution. In midwinter the commander of the camp had made the prisoners turn out in the courtyard in the middle of the night, completely naked. They had been compelled to lie down in the snow, to get up and then lie down again, and so on until their poor bodies, exhausted already by their labors, no longer responded to their brains, and they lay prostrate. Then the whip lash, beating their poor bodies, made them even then respond. Finally the order was given to return indoors, and like a flock of frightened sheep the naked men, half dead with cold, hurried to the narrow entrance of the hall under the lash of the pursuing whips.

I heard later that the commandant of the camp was condemned to twelve years' hard labor for his inhuman treatment (how inadequate the words seem!) of the prisoners. A few days later, however, the commandant was pardoned, it being stated that he had merely acted under "an excess of nationalism".

What Is Coming



You Americans and Britishers might as well know what is coming in America and Britain, as a result of nursing the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, coddling it, and praising it to the skies. *The New Leader*, New York, contains an article by an escaped prisoner of one of Germany's concentration camps. This man had eight fingers crushed by his tormentors, but dared not go to the prison physician. After narrating how, at midnight, or in the wee small hours of the morning, the prisoners were often herded out into the rain or bitter cold, and there told by the warmly clad guards to shiver themselves warm, he stated:

One morning all the Jews in the camp were called up. From experience we could guess what was afoot. We knew that such a proceeding had to be connected with some event outside the camp. So we were not surprised when, this time, the newspaper we were allowed to read in the camp after censorship reported the shooting of a Nazi leader by a Jew.

The Jews were divided into a number of small gangs, which were put in charge of the toughest of the S.S. men. One of these gangs had the task of emptying the latrines.

This was done by means of a wagon, which had to be dragged a long distance over the soft soil of the heath. Hitherto the wagon had been dragged by fourteen men, but now the gang was reduced to eight. While kicks and blows rained on them, the unfortunate men strained at the wagon, which only progressed by inches. They were not allowed to use the pump for emptying the latrines, but pails which had to be passed from hand to hand and emptied into the wagon. Owing to the furious rate at which work had to proceed, the Jews were soon covered from head to foot with filth.

Long after we had stopped work, the Jewish latrine gang had to continue. One day the first man in the pail gang was knocked into the pit by an S.S. gang leader. Two others had to drag him out. The S.S. man pretended the poor devil had jumped into the pit because he wanted to shirk work. The man, in his terrible state, was made to do knee-bending exercises and to hop with outstretched arms. Next he was ordered to roll, whereupon he vomited and fainted. The gang leader then set his dog at the unconscious man, but the animal merely sniffed at him and moved away. Several S.S. men then threw pails of water over the prostrate man.

When he regained consciousness he was ordered to accompany the gang leader outside the camp. Shortly afterwards we heard the report of a revolver shot. The sirens hooted, and the prisoners rushed out of the sheds for the line-up. The commandant informed us that a dirty Jew had attacked the gang leader and had paid the penalty.

The following day the coffin containing the corpse of the murdered man was placed in the middle of the camp. The Jewish prisoners had to stand in a semicircle around the coffin and sing Jewish songs. The others had to file past the coffin and spit on it. The Jews were treated in this way for another few weeks, and only dropped into the background upon the arrival of 80 "Bible Researchers". [Jehovah's witnesses], a sect most hated by the Nazis after the Jews.

It was the usual thing in the camp to force men imprisoned for religious anti-Fascist propaganda to make fun of their beliefs. Thus once the Cologne preacher Spieker had to make a farcical speech before the assembled inmates of the camp. He delivered the speech as required by the Nazis, and then was given a beating because he had spoken differently from the pulpit.

The "Bible Researchers", however, never yielded to such coercion. No torture was capable of forcing them to hold up their religious convictions to ridicule. Trials were pending against the Bible Researchers, so that they could not be "shot while trying to escape". But for this fact they would have been shot down in scores.

Now, however, no form of torture was spared them. We other prisoners lived on the most friendly terms with the Bible Researchers. They did not take part in our political discussions, but knew all about the clandestine material in our possession. During searches and the following mass punishments, however, they were as steadfast as anybody and never gave away a comrade.

A Result of Hitler's Jesuit Training



Former Chancellor Heinrich Brüning of Germany, now a lecturer at Harvard University, tells of cells lined with electric lights, so that a prisoner feels as if dying of thirst, while at the same time he is compelled to listen to recorded speeches of Goering. Very few can stand this peculiar form of torture more than three or four months, and after even three days of it many a man's hair turned snow-white.

Dr. John Gelbert, one-time physician to the Beast of Berchtesgaden, on a tour of German concentration camps, seeking a relative, saw places where human creatures were incarcerated in cells that were without windows, ventilation, lights or toilets. When he told Hitler to his face that this is barbarism he was himself incarcerated and subjected to seven unnamed punishments, but escaped through the intervention of an American consul. He is now lecturing in America, his family are being persecuted in the land of his birth, and if he ever returns to the cesspool of civilization he will face a firing squad.

In Hitler's living hell at Dachau concentration camp a prisoner who made a mild protest against cruelty was shot down without a moment's hesitation. Another, too weary to stand on his feet, was beaten on the head by an S.S. man on guard so severely that he had been dead about ten minutes before the assault was stopped. This was considered a great joke among the guards. On one occasion 400 persons were scientifically crowded into a room not intended to hold more than 50, and were, many of them, actually compelled to stand on one foot all night because there was not room enough to put both feet down. Throughout the night they were excluded from the lava-

tories, and several went insane during the night. In Dachau, above described, Jehovah's witnesses are listed as included in the "Black Front", which means that they are subjected to the worst treatment of any in the prison.

While in Atlanta penitentiary for daring to be a Christian in time of war, Judge Rutherford and his friends would almost have considered it a treat to be taken out, lined up against a wall and shot, but they had enough food and clothing so that they could get along. In Dachau, however, this past winter, many prisoners were compelled to wear linen all winter. Many contracted consumption from cold, hunger and six hours' drilling a day.

Fiendishness at Sachsenhausen

At Sachsenhausen concentration camp, November 11, 1938, a Berlin police officer and 12 policemen delivered 62 Jewish lawyers, doctors, landlords, engineers, businessmen and rabbis. On the way into the prison they were made to run the gauntlet of two lines of black guards armed with whips, clubs and spades. Twelve of the 62 were killed, their skulls having been smashed. The others were all unconscious, the eyes of some having been knocked out and their faces flattened and shapeless. The police, unable to bear the cries of the dying men, turned their backs, but accepted a receipt that they had delivered the correct number of men to the camp. On the same occasion 16,000 men were herded into quarters which were formerly occupied by 6,850. During the first two days they were not allowed to use the toilets. Afterwards one toilet was made available for each 200 men, but no one was given facilities to wash.

Louis Fulda, 39 years of age, hair made white from two months in a concentration camp, testified April 13, 1939, before the American Immigration Bureau's Board of Special Inquiry, and supported his testimony with an affidavit, that he was one of 3,000 men thrown into barracks built for 300, that 100 perished the first night, and that he had personally seen many go insane. This at Buchenwald.

The mistreatment of Schuschnigg, former premier of Austria, since his imprisonment is so great that the poor man has now lost the power of his legs, and when he is shifted by his torturers from one part of the German Madhouse to another they have to carry him on a stretcher.

It is a common thing in Germany for a man

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to be arrested, for no offense whatever, and after a few days, or weeks or months, a man calls at his home, asks for his wife, and hands her a package saying, "These are the ashes of your husband. There will be a charge of three marks, please." Sixty cents each for murders seems like a small price. And is it not a little unusual to collect the fee from the murdered man's wife?

Gestapo Benevolence



Gestapo benevolence was at its height in the expulsion of 15,000 Jews from Germany to Poland. At the town of Zbonszyn 5,000 men, women and children lay huddled in rain and cold from ten at night till seven in the morning, some of them on a stone floor without coverings, some in pigsties, the men weeping as well as their women and children. Five died and four became insane under the strain; 200 were taken to hospitals. Among the sufferers was a woman of 93 and a blind man of 76 who had not even a pocket handkerchief. It was the Hitler civilization at its best. A thousand found refuge in a cavalry stable.

Four persons died and three went insane from their sufferings in No Man's Land on the Czechoslovakian border. One woman of 84 was blind. One woman who went insane was admitted to a Czechoslovak hospital. A new baby, born on the roadway, and its mother were also admitted to a hospital. When the Germans took over the town of Ludenburg all Jewish men were imprisoned and their women folks were told they must leave for Czechoslovakia within 24 hours. If they did not leave on time they were ejected by the German police, who took their house keys and everything remaining in their homes.

In Vienna at one time there were 300 innocent persons in hospitals suffering from broken noses. A one-legged man was so beaten that he cannot use the leg he has left. An old man, lame for ten years, was so badly beaten that he committed suicide because he knew he would never walk again. The police look on while these outrages are perpetrated, and do nothing whatever. Elderly men are compelled to crawl on their bellies in the street, wearing nothing but their pants. Refined women are forced to clean the storm troopers' latrines.

The Leicester (England) *Mail* quotes F. L. Attenborough, principal of Leicester University College, as saying that a refugee told him April 17, 1939, that men over sixty years of

age were being put into concentration camps in Germany where the chief form of amusement is to make them leap over a wire charged with lethal voltage. If they miss, it means electrocution. Others are made to take their exercise on a plank over sewage. If this is civilization, the poorest dwarf in Africa may well pray to be spared from it.

Carrying Out Hitler's Will

Hereafter on the doors of German Jewish physicians they must have sky-blue signs 18 by 15 inches in size. In the upper left corner must be a lemon-yellow circular space three inches in diameter, in the middle of which must be a blue David's star two inches high. The doctor's name must carry Israel or Sara as a middle name unless the given name is itself Jewish. The sign must contain, under the doctor's name: "Licensed for medical practice exclusively on Jews." All prescription blanks and bills carry the blue David's star on a yellow background.

New Jewish regulations are that no Jew may have or drive a motor vehicle; there are certain streets upon which no Jew may enter except by special permit; Jews will be refused admission to German hotels; no Jews may enter Nuremberg or Fürth except by permit; Jews are compelled to hand over to the Government all stocks or bonds in their possession; Jews may not buy, sell or pledge objects of gold, silver, platinum or jewelry. The site for the Berlin ghetto has been selected.

The Nazi decrees against the Jews in Germany are so drastic that they not only are eliminated from financial, wholesale and industrial undertakings, but are even forbidden to engage in forestry and farming.

The new German census shows exactly how many Jews, half-Jews, eighth-Jews and even sixteenth-Jews there are. Farmers must list every head of livestock. No such snooping inquisition ever existed previously, except, of course, at the confessional window of the snooping priests who make it their business to know all about the private affairs of everybody, so that when it comes to seizing property they will know just how to proceed.

In Germany, most people with brains are either in prison or escaped in time. One who escaped surprised a friend by telling of his intention of going to Ecuador. The friend expostulated, "But that is so far away," and got the knockout reply, "Far away from WHAT?"

(To be continued)

Religious Intolerance in South Africa

The Banning of the Bible Study Book *Riches*

HOWEVER the members of the Hierarchy may differ in receipt of monetary spoils per annum, or however varied may be the color or yardage of their garments or unequal the number of toe-kissers received by these divers princes of the church, on one matter they are in absolute unity and agreement: IN THEIR BITTER HATRED OF THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD. They are, as the Scriptures describe them, "an evil and adulterous generation" who "have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against [Jehovah's witnesses]". (Matthew 12:39 and Psalm 83:5) Concerning Jehovah's witnesses there is unity of Catholic action; the individual witnesses do not worry them, but the exposure makes them desperate. Hence, from the British Isles, in which their conduct is elsewhere considered in this issue, to the most distant outposts of the Empire their obstruction of truth goes on. Let the British view with concern and alarm their vicious deeds in South Africa and note that everywhere the Hierarchy together with the Nazi plague is sweeping away the liberties of the people.

This combine strove to suppress the book *Riches*, by Judge Rutherford, manifestly because that book exposes the duplicity of the Vatican. The baseness of the methods employed to accomplish this are described in the Protest filed with the government by the South African representative of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, excerpts of which are set forth below:

Towards the end of 1937 and early in 1938 the South African Board of Film Censors were busy with their drive against sex and crime magazines. Certain Nazi clergymen of the German Lutheran Synod assembled in conference in the Eastern Province of the Cape saw the opportunity to bring reproach upon the name of Jehovah God. Representations were made to the Minister of the Interior to

have the Bible study book *Riches* and several pamphlets which contain the message of God's Kingdom, written by Judge Rutherford and published by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, placed on the list of prohibited publications.

Religionists on the Board of Censors, holding contrary views on the Bible to those expressed in the book *Riches*, became a party to the conspiracy. Questioned later as to what the Board had found objectionable in the book, the Secretary of the Board replied, "We regret that we can give you no information without the sanction of the Department of the Interior."

Where the Nazi-Vatican

Conspiracy Was Hatched

Says the Protest:

The letter from the Department of the Interior to the Nazi clergymen and which furnishes conclusive proof as to where the plot originated follows:

Deutsche Lutherische Synode fuer Suedafrika

Bezirksskonferenz des Ostens der Kap-Provinz
Auf Grund unserer Eingabe in Verfolg der Verhandlungen unserer letzten Tagung vom 4. Oktober 1937 zu Macleantown an den Minister des Innern, ist als Ergebnis einer laengeren Korrespondenz nunmehr folgendes Schreiben eingelaufen, das wir hiermit den Gemeinden bekanntgeben:—

Secretary for the Interior.

No. 27/32.

Union of South Africa

Department of the Interior.

Pretoria. 28/5/1938.

Objectionable Literature—Rutherford Publications
Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 10th March last, and previous correspondence, I have to inform you that, in terms of Section 23 of Act No. 9 of 1913, as amended by Section 6 of Act No. 40 of 1934, the Minister of the Interior has decided that the "Rutherford Publications" mentioned hereunder, are all objectionable:

1. Crimes and Calamities: The Cause —
The Remedy, by J. F. Rutherford.
2. Oppression: When Will It End?
by J. F. Rutherford.
3. The Kingdom: The Hope of the World,
by J. F. Rutherford.
4. Prosperity Sure, by J. F. Rutherford.
5. *Riches*, by J. F. Rutherford.

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The publications are being returned to you under separate cover.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
N.

Secretary for the Interior.

Fuer die Richtigkeit zeichnet:

Bezirksskonferenz Ost.

Der Vorstand:

i.N.u.A.

(Signed) J. CYRUS, P."

(Minister of German Lutheran
Church at Kingwilliamstown, C.P.,
South Africa)

Silence Regarding the Conspiracy

The writer of the Protest apparently does not think very much of the manner in which the facts of the Nazi-Vatican conspiracy were brought to the Society's attention; for the Protest continues:

The first intimation that the publishers received that the book had been placed on the prohibited list was from an acquaintance on the Reef who had read something about it in a newspaper. In June, 1938, a long list of sex and crime magazines which had been prohibited appeared in certain newspapers and sandwiched in between was the book *Riches*. The publishers' letter of enquiry to the Minister drew his attention pointedly to the fact that—

Several years ago the members of the jury of the Paris exhibition of Modern Comfort accorded the Society its highest award, namely, the Diplome de Hors Concours, for the work of moral sanitation being accomplished by the Society's publications. You will therefore appreciate the fact that it is impossible for me to understand how such books could possibly be included in the drive now being made against crime and sex magazines and other "undesirable" literature.

Should there be any foundation in fact to the rumor, I shall appreciate information as to:

- (1) The names of the books written by Judge Rutherford which have been prohibited.
- (2) On what grounds this action has been taken.

Five Months to Answer a Letter

Politicians hooked in with the Nazi-Vatican conspiracy to deprive honest, decent, Christian people of their liberties do not like to put themselves in writing. The Protest goes on to say:

As no acknowledgment or reply came to hand from the Minister's office within a period of 10 days the publishers' representative called for an explanation. The Minister's secretary

acknowledged that the letter had been received and intimated that it had been sent on to the Department and that "an adequate reply" would be forthcoming in a few days' time.

After five months a reply came from the Department. It said:

With reference to your letter of the 7th December, 1938, addressed to the Honourable the Minister of the Interior on the subject of the importation of certain books written by J. F. Rutherford, I am directed to inform you that as far as the department is aware the books in question have not been banned. Enquiries are, however, being made and a further communication will be addressed to you in due course.

Government Officials Kept in the Dark

Said the writer of the Protest:

It is clear that the writer of that letter could not believe that South Africa had become so much under the influence of the Nazi-Fascist-Catholic Hierarchy bloc as to ban Bible study books! It appears that the Censor Board had to be consulted to check up on the position.

A letter to the Department followed requesting information as to the grounds on which the books had been declared "objectionable" and brought forth the response under date of January 30, 1939:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, and regret to inform you that the Department is unable to furnish you with the reasons for the banning of the publication entitled "*Riches*" by J. F. Rutherford.

Wriggling of the Conspirators

A further letter was then addressed to the Minister, reminding him that:

In a statement you made on October 24 last and which was widely reported in the Press the following day you are reported to have said: "I wish to stress the Government's completely liberal policy on the much discussed book banning problem. . . . With the exception of 'Turning Wheels', I know of no seriously written book which I have banned, no matter whether I have agreed with its views or not. Take the Left Book Club, for instance. We have never banned a single book issued by that club," etc.

May I call your attention to the fact that the book *Riches* is a seriously written book. It is in fact a Bible study textbook used by thousands of Christian men and women throughout

the earth, all of whom can testify to the enlightenment they have received from it on the Word of God.

Typical Nazi-Vatican Conduct

Warmed by the fires of injustice, the Protest goes on:

The foregoing letter was acknowledged by the Department in the Secretary's letter of February 10 as follows:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 2nd instant, addressed to the Honourable the Minister of the Interior, regarding the publication "*Riches*" which has been declared objectionable, and shall be glad if you will send me a copy of this publication for perusal by the Minister.

One could scarcely be blamed if one drew the conclusion from that letter that up to this point the Minister had not personally examined the book. However, assurance was later given by the Secretary for the Interior that such was a wrong construction to put on the letter!

The Minister's reply to the Society's letter of February 2 was that "the banning order in regard to the publication *Riches* must stand". As still no reason was forthcoming, an effort was then made to have an interview with the Minister and a letter was sent to him requesting one.

This letter brought forth the reply that the Minister could not grant personal interviews with publishers whose books have been banned but "should you wish to see the Secretary for the Interior regarding the matter my Minister would have no objection to your doing so". That interview was granted, but the Secretary of the Interior would not discuss the merits of the case and we were referred back to the Minister. A final protest was then made to the Minister.

Hard Going for Hypocrites

It is hard to be a hypocrite in these days and get away with it. The Protest continued:

Is there anything in *Riches* which is not in harmony with the plain teaching of the Bible? If there is not, then, to be consistent, the Bible should also be banned in South Africa.

It is clear from facts which have come into my possession that a few selfish men who are enemies of God and His kingdom of righteousness have seized the opportunity of the general drive against sex and crime magazines to have

reproach brought upon the name of Jehovah and His witnesses by having the book *Riches* included in the list of the filthy stuff that has been banned.

The Nazi clergymen who submitted the book to you with the purpose of having it prohibited do not believe the Bible nor do they believe in Jehovah God. They have a Hitlerized version of their own, and salvation to them comes not from Jehovah by and through Jesus Christ, but through their Führer! They, of course, can believe what they like in that connection, but we also should have the right to worship God according to the dictates of His Word, our conscience and our steadfast belief. That is the inalienable right of every Christian and has for long been considered the right of every British subject residing in South Africa and other parts of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

The charge made in certain quarters that the message contained in the literature is likely to cause trouble amongst the non-European section of the population is demonstrably false. Our literature has circulated freely for 30 years and more in this country and nothing of the kind has happened. That charge is made only by those who do not like the message of God's kingdom. May I remind you that the Founder of Christianity was falsely accused as a "seditionist" and put to death on the instigation of the scribes and Pharisees—the clergy of His day.

Bitter Truths to the Unjust

The Protest against the Nazi-Vatican conspiracy to deprive South African people of their rights should have burned a hole in what, if anything, was left of the guilty conspirators' consciences. The Protest continued:

The reply to that letter was to the effect that the Minister had nothing further to add on the subject! And thus South Africa, which provided refuge for the Huguenots when they fled from the Roman Catholic Inquisition 250 years ago, now sets up an Inquisition of its own inspired by men who, as in the case of the Roman Catholic Inquisition, do not believe the Bible and who would try if possible to prevent the people from receiving its message. And this action is taken, too, contrary to the fact that the highest court of the land has declared that the book *Riches* is not seditious. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court

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has not sold its birthright to the Nazis nor to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. Commenting on the book *Riches* and other publications of the Society the Supreme Court of South Africa put on record that the Bible truths contained in the Society's publications are not seditious. We quote from the judgment as follows:

I am therefore of opinion that the word "disaffection" must be construed in section 2 of the Rhodesian Act in the sense above suggested, viz., as meaning discontent or dissatisfaction tending to, or accompanied by, the use of force, tumult, riot, insurrection, or breach of the peace.

I come now to . . . whether the publications are expressive of an intention to excite disaffection in this sense of the word; in other words, to put it baldly, does the writer intend to incite people to use force against the government, or to revolt, and to commit breaches of the peace? I may say at once that in my opinion the writer had no such intention, and his books are not expressive of such an intention. He is . . . burning with the zeal of his convictions. He condemns many things in modern political, ecclesiastical, and commercial life; and he quotes extensively from the Bible, mainly from the prophets. He may perhaps intend to inspire his readers to look with disfavour and disapprobation on all modern forms of government, but nothing could be further from his mind than to advocate the use of force against any government. The burden of his teaching is, "Come ye out from amongst them, for they will be destroyed by Jehovah." Mr. Hoexter freely and fairly admits that the books do not indicate an intention of inciting to fight, and rightly so. But, as Mr. Beadle points out, the matter goes much further than that, for the author, Rutherford, expressly warns his readers not to use force. Thus in the volume *Kingdom* he writes (p. 10):

"Our faith forbids us to engage in war or any other enterprise that would work harm to mankind."

In *Government* (p. 247) he states that:

"What is said here against the various forms of government is not said with a view to provoking revolution."

So again in *Supremacy* (p. 51) he writes:

British Comment (Continued from page 16)
and Poland and other nations, and these lack faith in Britain until Britain has an army by conscription to back up its pacts.

The Labor party will not oppose the Government's conscription after it has become law, but they will continue to urge that there shall be some conscription of the wealth of the moneyed classes. A Labor member says, "Boys of 20 are to be conscripted now. Levies on

"Every nation has laws, and every citizen of such nation must obey those laws unless the law is in direct violation or contravention of God's law."

There are many similar passages to which Mr. Beadle has referred the Court.

My conclusion is therefore that the books are not expressive of an intention to excite disaffection in the sense above stated by me.

There is, however, another point which, though not ventilated in the Court below, is raised in this Court by Mr. Hoexter. He contends that the books are seditious because they disclose an intention to bring His Majesty in person into hatred and contempt (Section 2 (a) of the Act). This argument need not detain me. It suffices to say that there is neither jot nor tittle in the fourteen books reflecting on His Majesty in his private, or personal, or individual, capacity. Mr. Hoexter's contention in this behalf must therefore fail, as it seems to me. It follows that in my opinion the Court below was right in ordering the books to be released and returned to the Respondent Kabungo, and that the appeal should be dismissed with costs.

Summing It All Up

Summing it all up, the Protest states it just right when it says:

In view of that fair judgment of the highest court in the land, it will be seen that the action of the Censor Board confirmed by the Department of the Interior and without explanation from either is nothing less than religious intolerance and whether they realize it or not they are playing into the hands of those subversive elements who are out to stifle freedom of worship, freedom of speech and freedom of the press, which for long have been the heritage of those living in democratic countries.

In order to give the matter the publicity it deserved, the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society of Cape Town, South Africa, widely circulated complete copies of the Protest throughout the Union.

wealth which the Government is thinking about are to be left till wartime, and are to be devised only 'to be effective in preventing the accumulation of individual fortunes'. The prime minister claims to be realistic, but there is no realism in postponing conscription of wealth while at the same time you are conscripting men." The prime minister announces that measures will be taken to prevent those vast accumulations of private fortunes which

were gained out of the country's need during the Great War; but those acute makers of money who seek their own gains at the country's cost will find ways of getting richer than they now are. The Textile correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* says, "During the past two or three months over 20,000,000 yards of cloth have been ordered by the Government through agents instead of direct with the actual makers of the cloth. These orders, which are for the fighting forces and for A.R.P. purposes, are valued at over £1,000,000, and as the agents are obtaining 1½ percent commission in many instances this means that the Government has had to pay £15,000 more for the cloth than it would have done had the orders been placed with manufacturers." He continues, "A prominent manufacturer told me that he had obtained an order through an agent for 2,000,000 yards of Royal Air Force blue, costing about one shilling a yard, or £100,000 for the whole order. On this contract the agent's commission is 1½ percent, which means that he will get £1,500 for merely handing on the Government's order. The manufacturer comments, 'It is high time that a definite move was made to clean up the whole question of Government contracts.'"

The Government has now appointed a Ministry of Supply, and no doubt it will bring about some economies in the huge expenditures to which the country is committed; but, as *Reynolds* says, the minister who has been appointed and is chiefly responsible is one who may be considered acceptable to the foreign influences which throw their weight against the British Cabinet.

The country is placarded with great notices "WE MUST BE PREPARED". The touchiness of the situation keeps the people on tension. It cannot be said that a sense of fear is noticeable, but the morning and evening newspapers are eagerly scanned to know the latest developments. Everywhere war is the topic of conversation, and, What is Hitler going to say? or, What will Mussolini say or do next? and then, What is Chamberlain's next word? "Peace in our time," the slogan raised after Munich, died a rather sudden death, and the hope of averting a general war is almost a lost hope.

The Government is undoubtedly making much progress in its preparation of war material, and the huge posters are intended to get the people into a frame of mind to accept the fact of conscription and the limitation of

liberties. The premier pursues his way, backed by his supporters in Parliament. At the moment he seems ready to make some overtures to Hitler. There are those who have begun to say the country might as well get into the war and get the suspense over. Those who say that do not visualize the inevitable destruction of all who are involved in such a war as must follow an outbreak.

Communists

• The Communists are not numerous, but they get into the limelight now and again. A section of the party has followed an obstructionist method of calling attention to the great need of many of the unemployed. Taking the example of the students of Bombay who some months ago laid themselves in the streets of the city, holding up its traffic, to demonstrate their troubles, some parties of Communists have done the same in London and some provincial cities. A party of twenty men and women suddenly laid themselves in the center of Oxford Circus, holding up the traffic for about twenty minutes; another party tried to get into the House of Commons carrying a black coffin. Their cry is, "Work for the unemployed!"

One of the leaders of the party has issued a pamphlet calling on Chamberlain to FACE THE FACTS—a term which has caught on in England since Judge Rutherford bid Britain and the world to FACE THE FACTS of its danger in its refusal to heed the message of Jehovah from His Word. The Communist pamphlet speaks of Chamberlain's recent complaint that many young men refused to take advantage of the Government's arrangement to help them by its instructional camps. It gives another view of these labor camps, and claims that the work is both hard on the men and such as ought to be paid for at ordinary rates of wages. Food and a rough general provision are provided for constructional work, but only four shillings a week are given. Many of the men are sent from their homes leaving dependents behind for whom adequate provision is not made, and it is said that those employed are really doing forced labor and are in a worse condition than before. The pamphlet rightly calls attention to the false view of the official figures of the Labor Ministry's month-by-month statements: men who have been unemployed for even ten years are transferred into the reckoning of the numbers of the 'casually unemployed' figures if work for two or

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three days is found for them. This, it is claimed, is done to hide the ugliness of the facts of unemployment.

Political

● One of the most important of the political questions now before the Government is whether or not Britain shall enter into an alliance with Russia. There are many who wonder why Chamberlain has had such reluctance as he has evidenced against making an alliance with a power whose aid seems necessary to his own policy of entering into agreements to resist Nazi further aggression in Europe. Russia is by far the greatest military power in Europe, and has almost unmeasurable possibilities in war material and man power to call on, and if this were available for the help of Britain and France in case of war between these countries and the "Axis" powers there could be little doubt of the issue in any conflict. The immediate objective of the pacts, some realized, others in the making, is, of course, to have so much force in hand as to preclude the probability of further Nazi or Fascist aggression in Europe.

There are those in Britain who are much averse to a pact with Russia: as a Bolshevik nation it is out of their class! They do not fear the possibility of Hitler's entering into

an alliance with Russia, thinking he hates Bolshevism too much to allow that to happen. Among these same British haters of the Russian form of government are to be found admirers of Hitler and of his regimentation of the people. The Roman Catholic newspapers and journals are throwing their weight into opposition against any alliance of Britain with the "anti-God" country of Russia. The Roman Church has set itself up as the champion of those who fight Communism, and Russia is the nation above all others which has adopted the Communistic form of government. The hierarchy in Rome knows very well that if Britain, whom at present it flatters, enters into a pact or alliance with Russia its propaganda and its activities will receive a setback: it would give a hard blow to Roman Catholic Fascist aggression. Events will probably show that Chamberlain's reluctance has been caused by representations from the hierarchy in Rome and local pressure from the hierarchy in Britain. In the meantime it is to be noted that the Roman Catholic papers are as noisy in their objection to a pact with Russia as they were in manifesting their sympathy with Franco. The policy of the Papacy is their church first and last: that interest comes before the welfare of the people or the preservation of peace.

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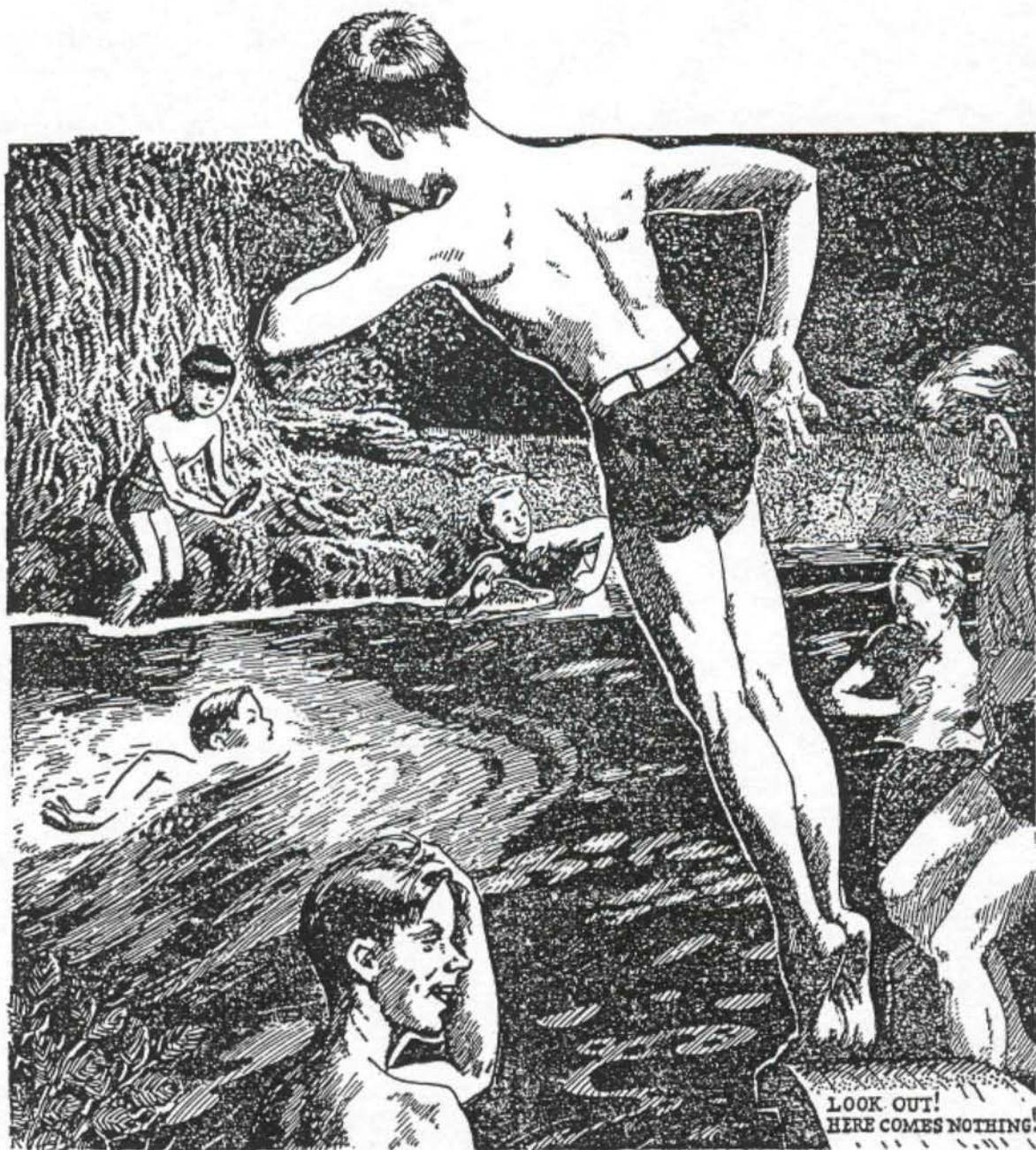
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On March 27, Mr. M. Pels, representing the firm of Joseph Weiermann, will celebrate his fiftieth birthday.

Mr. Pels is well known for his integrity, untiring energy and expert knowledge of the retail shoe trade, and his personal charm has won him many friends. May we express the birthday wish that Mr. Pels will remain in our midst for many years to come. (From *The Shoe-Market*, German trade paper, March 25)

Fiftieth Birthday of M. Pels.

In our issue of March 25 we published a birthday notice about M. Pels, which was sent to us from a source which we believed reliable.

We have been the victims of a hoax. M. Pels is a Jew, and we declare the birthday notice about him to be void. (From *The Shoe-Market*, April 1)

Easy Money

The boss was passing through the packing room when he saw a boy leaning against a box, cheerfully whistling.

"What is your salary?" he barked at the boy.

"Ten dollars a week, sir," was the reply.

"Here's two weeks' pay. In other words, you're fired!"

Later, says *Stray Stories Magazine*, he met the foreman and asked him when they had hired that boy.

"Why, we never had him working here," was the astonishing answer. "He came over with an order from another firm."

Would Take It

An actress was incensed by the conduct of the old professional in varying his performance slightly when on the stage.

"That was not rehearsed," she said. "If you were my husband I'd knock your head off your shoulders for that."

The old actor looked at her gravely, blandly, steadfastly for a moment. Then he answered:

"Madam, if I were your husband I'd be grateful to merciful Heaven for a sudden end, however dramatic."

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A.R.V.

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All the World Wondering—Exactly as Foretold

(In Three Parts—Part 3)

"And I saw one of his heads, as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast."—Revelation 13:3.

GERMANY'S so-called "higher powers" are expending \$30,000,000 a year in the United States to accomplish here what was accomplished in the last six years in Germany and Austria. The edicts, as soon as they can be put across, will be in effect as follows:

1. The Constitution of the United States and the Constitutions of the 48 States are hereby repealed.

2. The State and Federal authority, the right to enact laws, the public execution of laws, the entire administration and military command throughout the United States, and within the forty-eight states and adjacent territories are transferred in full to The Fuehrer of the Volksbund and his designated Commissioners.

3. The Congress of the former United States of America and the legislative bodies of the forty-eight states are dissolved. Any person participating in the work of such an institution henceforth will be punished with death.

4. Dismissed officials may no longer, on pain of death, take any part in public affairs.

5. Every American man and woman between the ages of 16 and 50 is liable to public labor service.

6. Every American man and woman between 18 and 45 years of age is liable to auxiliary public service.

7. Freedom of the press is forthwith abolished. All newspaper undertakings and printing works will be closed and their equipment seized in behalf of The Bund. Any published statement damaging to The Bund or the American Reich will render its publishers liable to punishment and expropriation.

8. Every organization of employes and employers is dissolved, as is also every party and political organization. Their property is seized.

9. Lock-outs, strikes and expressions of dissatisfaction are punishable by death.

10. All real and negotiable property belonging to dissenters and Jews is liable to seizure.

11. The Fuehrer and his Commissioners will take immediate steps to eliminate all unemployed persons and others liable to endanger the security of the American Reich. These are to be brought, as required, into concentration camps until such time as plans are completed for their disposal. Anyone evading such transportation will be punished with death.

12. All banks, commodity exchanges, and amusement places are closed until further notice. [From 'Der Fuehrer Speaks']



In the preliminary carving up of Czechoslovakia not a particle of attention was paid to justice or truth. In the town of Hodslovice, in 1930, there were 1,943 Czechs and one German, but the Germans took it. The town of Strambul was 90 percent Czech and 10 percent German, but it had a Portland cement and lime works which the Germans wanted, so they took the town over. Koprivnice, at the census of 1930, had 3,968 Czechs and 622 Germans, but it had an automobile works and a wagon factory, so the Germans took it. Trebovice had a big Czech majority, but it had a new power station which the Germans wanted, so they took the town. Svinov also had a large Czech majority, but it is a railroad junction and has a broadcasting station, so the Germans took it. The same spirit was shown by Poland. Finally, Hitler completely destroyed Czechoslovakia.

Escaping from Hitler

Relatively few people escaped from Czechoslovakia when one of the prize liars of humanity seized the last of that unhappy country. Among the last to go were 1,000 aviators, who seized as many war planes and made their

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way into Poland, Rumania, Yugoslavia and Russia. These men also made away with formulas for cement mixture, steel alloys and automatic rifle design which the Germans had expected to get. They also drained oil tanks into the earth and showed in every way their hatred of the fiend that now has the world frightened out of its wits.

Some idea of the terrible plight of refugees from Czechoslovakia seeking refuge in Britain may be gathered from the fact that in some instances, on the last day of March, persons flew back and forth from the Netherlands to Britain five times in a single day and some were so desperate that the pilots refused to take them, fearing that they would jump out en route. Heart-rending scenes were enacted at the railroad stations on the Netherlands-Germany border, where hundreds were turned back who did not have British permits.

The merry work of mopping up the last of Protestantism in Central Europe goes steadily forward. Ever since John Huss, rector of the University of Prague, was burned at the stake for condemning some of the unscriptural doctrines and practices of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, in 1415, there has been a vigorous stand for honesty, truth and liberty in what was recently Czechoslovakia.

Now all that is passing, being suppressed by the tools of the Papacy operating out of Berlin. The diplomatic correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* tells of the shameless methods being used, in the following dispatch:

Under pressure from Berlin the Czechs are compelled to revise the history of their nation. For example, the Husite tradition, which was deeply imbedded in the Czech national consciousness, is being replaced by a Wenceslaus tradition—Wenceslaus, the "good king", being regarded (quite wrongly) as a Germanic Bohemian hero by the Germans, who regard Jan Hus as a purely Czech national hero and leader of an anti-German religious reformation.

This is the more repellant in view of the fact that the King Wenceslaus referred to is designated in history as "Wenceslaus the Worthless" because he was a total loss as a ruler, representing only the Devil, whose servant he was. He died fifteen years before Huss.

Gestapo Arrests in Czechia

With the seizure of Czechia by Hitler the infamous Gestapo (secret police) got under way at once and within a few hours had placed 18,000 persons in concentration camps. A hint of the brutality and severity of the Nazi

crowd may be seen in the fact that one woman was arrested for saying that German army uniforms looked sloppy, and a man for making the facetious remark that the Germans would now improve Prague, as they had improved Berlin, by tearing up the streets. A further hint is afforded by the fact that 150 persons were installed in telephone exchanges, so that they might serve as spies on all conversations of suspected Czechs. All correspondents agree that hatred of the invaders by the Czechs is ill concealed. A newspaper, *A-Z*, was suspended for three days for reproducing a photograph of Hitler that did not suit the vanity of the new master of Central Europe.

Wanting to stay free, Iceland refused permission of the German Lufthansa to open air service between Germany and Iceland, but either the granting or the refusal of a German request today is equivalent to an undeclared war with the Central European monstrosity; and the war could have but one result, surrender. Iceland has no army. This is well known to Germany.

For months past a German warship, the *Meteor*, has been stationed off Iceland measuring depths of the fiords. German soldiers and mariners march through the streets of Reykjavik in military order. A brother of Marshal Goering, of Germany, is making frequent trips between Iceland and Germany, and German "scientists" have crossed and recrossed the island in all directions, measuring plains and heights, and photographing practically the whole surface.

How About Religion?



Save your tears. Hitler declares that the churches are receiving over 500,000,000 marks a year from taxation and own landed and forest property worth 10,000,000,000 marks.

The Register, boilerplate organ of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in the United States, in its Central California edition boasts that though the number of Protestant theological students in Germany is decreasing remarkably every year, yet the number of young men studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood shows a remarkable increase. Thus, in recognized seminaries in Germany, excluding Austria and Czechoslovakia, where there were 4,632 such students in the year 1932-33, there were over 6,000 in the year 1938-39.

Religionists All O.K. with Hitler

◆ In his speech of January 30, 1939, Hitler showed that it is not the religionists, but only their opposites, the real Christians, that need to fear him, when he said:

They say abroad that we are an anti-religious movement. Against this I declare, firstly, that no one has been persecuted in this country because of their religion, and no one will be.

To be consistent Hitler should have explained that thousands of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany are in concentration camps, and that the only reason is that they love God and are obedient to Him. Like the Lord Jesus Christ, they have no religion: they are merely Christians.

Special Privileges of the Hierarchy

◆ In the Concordat with the Reich various privileges before other members of the people are granted to the Catholic clergy (exemption of clergymen and students of theology from the universal military service, from acceptance of public offices and the obligations connected therewith that according to canonical law are allegedly inconsistent with ecclesiastical dignity), and various exclusive rights before other churches are conceded to the Catholic church (diplomatic representation at the government of the Reich, special safeguard for Catholic associations and parochial schools, etc.).—Translated from *Das Schwarze Korps* (official organ of Hitler's secret police) of February 17, 1938.

Catholic Church in Germany

	1932	1935	Incr'se
No. Catholic parishes	11,540	11,702	162
No. Catholic priests	16,729	17,164	435
Catholic theology students	4,632	5,277	645
Clerical order houses	510	525	15
Clerical order members	10,839	13,360	2,521
Catholic nuns			15,000

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Attendances in the Catholic churches are larger, both in Berlin and in Munich, than they were before Hitler came into power.



Earth's greatest racket

Great Increase in Convents

◆ Commenting on the enormous increase in convents in Germany since Hitler came to power, *Das Schwarze Korps*, official organ of the German Secret State Police (Gestapo), explained in its issue of September 1, 1938, that, whereas in the years from 1920 to 1932 the number of convents in Germany increased from 6,091 to 7,787, or at the rate of a new cage for the blackbirds every 2.59 days for the thirteen-year period, yet since the deal between Hitler and the pope put Hitler in supreme control, in but three years, the number

increased from 7,787 to 8,651. This is at the rate of a new convent every 1.27 days; and if the statement is even half true it shows what an enormous and useless burden is being piled upon the backs of the German people in the happy days for the Hierarchy when one of their favored sons came into control of what was once a Protestant country. The ideal of the Hierarchy is that every man should be a priest, every woman a nun, and every infant allowed to live a foundling.

Roman Catholic bishops are expected to visit Rome and confer with the pope every four years, but not oftener unless something special is in the wind. It is noteworthy, therefore, that eleven German bishops repeatedly visited the pope since the surrender at Munich. Without the least doubt, these are all being tipped off as to how to co-operate with Hitler in the next putsch.

Judge Gilbert O. Nations, Ph.D., LL.D., draws attention in *The Monitor* to the fact that on July 22, 1937, "Reverend Father" Mayer, Jesuit, was found guilty of treason

and was sentenced to only six months' imprisonment for what commonly brings the death sentence; and as soon as he had been sentenced the sentence was suspended.

No Persecution of Catholics in Austria

◆ Joseph Buerckel, plebiscite director on Austria's union with Germany, explained the accord between the Nazis and the pope in the following statement:

If there are disagreements here and there between the church and the party it does not mean one side or the other is to blame. I am pleased to say that the bishops next Sunday will issue a pastoral letter supporting Fuehrer Adolf Hitler.

The United Press cabled from Vienna that it is not true that there was a general confiscation of Roman Catholic church property in Austria. The basis for the inaccurate report is that the property of the Saint Lamprecht monastery was taken over by the government because the priests there used the religious funds to support their girl friends. This information was afterwards confirmed by The International News Service.

Just before the seizure of Austria by Hitler there were discoveries of arms in the cellars of monasteries in Linz, Aigen, St. Florian and Moedling.

France has thirteen fortified churches and one fortified cathedral, that of Palavas-des-Flots, in the Herault Department, on the Mediterranean.

Coming After the Congress

Everywhere throughout Hungary it was whispered by the Nazis, "After the Congress we are coming," showing clearly that the so-called "Eucharistic Congress" at Budapest had a political objective. And, sure enough, as soon as the Congress was over, and the little piece of bread had been worshiped, a vigorous campaign to turn the country Nazi got under way, and is now spreading rapidly.

Adolf Hitler "Christian" (?)



At an address in Chicago Fritz Kuhn, Nazi leader in the United States, reported "Reverend Father" Coughlin, of Detroit, as saying, "Adolf Hitler is the only real Christian leader in the world today." This statement brought terrific applause from the pleased audience, and looks of "I told you so", as reported in the *Chicago Daily Times*. Coughlin could hardly fail to admire Goebbels. He has used Goebbel's stuff *literatim et seria-*

tim as his own. Goebbels is Jesuit-trained. In one of his latest effusions he placed the Fuehrer next to the Creator by saying:

Germany need not be concerned about her future if the Lord Almighty preserves the Fuehrer's strength and health for many more years.

Silly American newspapers and equally silly press associations continue to publish stories of persecutions of the Roman Hierarchy in Germany. It has not come yet. Karl Kreisler, of Evanston, Illinois, in a letter to the *Chicago Tribune* dated February 7, 1939, said:

I have heard much about religious persecutions in Germany, but I would like to know just where in Germany these so-called persecutions are taking place. I returned from a trip to Europe less than seven weeks ago, and I, being a Catholic and proud of it, was never molested while attending my church in Germany. Many times I have seen Nazis dressed in full uniform attending church, and also receiving communion.

It is not as easy to lie to Catholic people as it used to be: there are so many tens of millions of booklets about, such as *Uncovered*, *Face the Facts*, and *Fascism or Freedom*. Edward Walters, London Catholic, wrote to the *London Catholic Herald* protesting the lying reports Catholics and others are expected to believe about Catholic conditions in Germany. He said, very truthfully and modestly, "We have yet to hear evidence of anything that approaches persecution in the major sense of the word," and gave a number of good reasons why the Catholic papers should tell the truth on the subject. He does not realize, poor man, how very much they prefer to lie, thus proving that they are of their father, the Devil, who is a liar and the father of it and of their "church".

Not without good reason for doing it, the *Catholic Herald Citizen* of Milwaukee boasts that more than half the population of Greater Germany are now Catholics, and next to Italy and France the Nazi realm has more cardinals within its borders than any other nation.

The *London Catholic Herald* claims that the Roman Catholic Church's influence on Italians is stronger than it has been in seventy years; also that when Hitler was invited to interfere in the Protestant Church dispute in Germany he excused himself, declaring that he is a Catholic.

Jesuit Control of Czechoslovakia

One of the early evidences that everything in Czechoslovakia was falling into the hands

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of the Jesuits was afforded in the case of the "Reverend Father" Joseph Tiso, premier of the central portion of the country, called Slovakia. When he planned to throw everything into Hitler's hands by proclaiming Slovakia's independence from Czechia (the Protestant section of the country), his treachery was discovered and he was ordered to go to a Jesuit monastery and remain there until further orders.

The Czechs did not dare to actually imprison him, for they knew, as appeared from later developments, that he was working under instructions from Vatican City and Berlin. He was out of his job as premier only five days, when Hitler smashed what was left of Czechoslovakia into smithereens and the desire of the pope to see Protestantism completely crushed in Central Europe was fulfilled.

Norris Willatt, of London, writes on the same subject, as follows:



Masters of the subtle art of propaganda, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy knows well that one of the best ways of making a man appear a hero is to represent him as following the path of duty when it is contrary to that of inclination.

It is therefore easy to see the hand of that Camorra behind a statement published in the London *Daily Telegraph* on March 17.

Referring to "Father" Volosin, prime minister of Ruthenia (before Hungary took it over), who, after assisting in the break-up of the Czechoslovak State by agitating for the autonomy of the slice of it governed by him, scuttled to Rumania as soon as his devilish work was done, the writer says:

A simple country priest, he dislikes politics and confesses they are his weak point. His position was thrust upon him against his will by his popularity.

Disregarding the question of whether one who 'confesses politics are his weak point' was justified under any circumstances in undertaking the leadership of a state, all Christians who read their Bibles know that Jesus instructed His followers to keep themselves separate from the world.

As a self-styled Christian, however great his popularity (Jesus said His followers would be hated by the world), "Father" Volosin's duty under the circumstances was perfectly clear. His action shows him (and all political priests, incidentally) up in his true light.

No doubt the Hierarchy would represent it that "Father" Tiso, who obligingly delivered up Slovakia lock, stock and barrel to the totalitarians, as his fellow Jesuit did Ruthenia, was likewise led to accept the premiership of the state against his own inclination "because of his popularity". One

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wonders whether he will be as popular after the Slovaks he betrayed have had a taste of the Nazi medicine.

As for all those cardinals and priests who play leading roles in the subversive activities of "Catholic Action", without a doubt these would all resign from their posts tomorrow if only they were not so popular!

Still, no one should be astonished at any lies published by a body whose leader, the pope, in the course of the recent orgy of creature-worship that marked his "coronation", is reported to have uttered repeatedly the words, "Lord, I am not worthy."

Woe unto you hypocrites!

Field Marshal Goering

Field Marshal Herman William Goering, upon whom the mantle of German leadership might fall with the death of the present impotent madman, is a morphine addict and was at one time an inmate in the Langbro Asylum in Sweden. When he appealed to the Swedish courts for the guardianship of his first wife's son by another marriage, it was refused on the ground that he was not a fit person to act as a guardian. Yet he holds the fate of 80,000,000 people in his hands.

A correspondent draws attention to a World War news item* that since 1914 the international Jesuit headquarters have been at San Remo, Italy, and accompanies this information with a clipping from the London *Daily Express* wherein occurs the interesting information that after spending some time at this resort Field Marshal Goering and his wife and private secretary left suddenly for Berlin. This is merely one of the many straws showing Jesuit interest in the affairs and fate of Germany; for it was on the same evening that the "Reverend Father" Tiso, betrayer of Slovakia, was summoned to Berlin to receive his final instructions as to the part he was to play, and did play, in the complete annihilation of Czechoslovakia, and the very next day Hitler was in Prague. Immediately after the seizures of Czechoslovakia and Memel, Goering returned to San Remo.

Bluffing the World to a Standstill

D. W. Tomlinson, of the TWA, back from a sojourn in Germany, claims that German

* This cannot now be confirmed. Reports of an investigator are that San Remo is apparently merely a fashionable watering place on the Italian Riviera, but as such would make an ideal center for international intrigue.

factories are capable of turning out 3,000 to 5,000 airplanes a month. The factories, of which there are many, are self-contained. Many of the workers are boys of 14 or 15 serving a four-year apprentice course, at the end of which time they become very skillful. The airport at Tempelhof he describes as 4,200 feet long, with buildings six stories high, the tops of which can seat 70,000 people. Nevertheless, Germany has no gasoline. What a bluff!

International Murderers, British and American, supplied Germany and Italy with the gasoline to make possible the destruction of Ethiopia and Spain, and Germany could not fight a big war without the support of these birds of prey.

When Hitler pulls off one of his periodic war scares it is a fine thing for business; also for politicians. Just before he blasted the air with his two-hour-and-seventeen-minute speech to Roosevelt, Germany called out 500,000 men. It was expensive, but it helped business. It was calculated that in April in Europe there were 8,000,000 men under arms or notified to hold themselves ready for an immediate call. Hitler can puff out his chest and claim much of the glory of all this; also for causing conscription in England, and providing Roosevelt with an opportunity to keep in the limelight.

"Mein Kampf"—a Gangster's Primer



The book *Mein Kampf*, supposed to be the struggle of a poor man's rise to a position of honor and usefulness to his fellow men, is merely a gangster's primer, as will be apparent to any thoughtful person from a consideration of the following paragraph, from chapter 27. Jesuitry, the spirit of the Devil, breathes from every line.

A shrewd victor will, whenever it is possible, impose his demands upon the vanquished only in installments. The victor thus gradually weakens the character of the vanquished, making sure that no one demand is sufficient in itself to cause the vanquished to resort to arms in defiance. The more extortions that are accepted, the more unjustifiable violent defense seems to the victims, for no single outrage seems to warrant a struggle after so many outrages have been passed by in silence.

Without striking a blow, Hitler has bullied into submission and absorbed, for all practical purposes, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Lithuania, and the end is not yet. The surrender of Rumania, polit-

ically, economically and militarily, to the Hitler régime, immediately after the complete shattering of Czechoslovakia, is admitted to be without precedent in modern history. As a result of this so-called "trade agreement", Germany arms Rumania, develops her natural wealth of oil, wheat, timber and minerals, will furnish her with all her agricultural and other machinery, will receive free ports on the Danube and on the Black sea, will overhaul the Rumanian railway system, and will furnish all the equipment for the Rumanian army, navy and military aviation, without asking any odds of Britain, France or Russia, now being definitely dragged behind the Hitler chariot.

Pulling Out the Pope's Chestnuts

Explaining why he allowed the German people to pull the pope's chestnuts out of the fire in Spain, Hitler in his reply to Roosevelt said that he did it—

for the salvation of European civilization; for if the sub-human forces of Bolshevism had proved victorious in Spain they might easily have spread across the whole of Europe.

This regard for "civilization" on the part of a man that has set the clock of civilization back at least four hundred years by placing Jehovah's witnesses in concentration camps is a good illustration of the hypocrisy of politicians.

But even that piece of hypocrisy fades when compared with the following words of blasphemy contained in the same address:

I can give vent to my deepest feelings only in the form of humble thanks to Providence who called upon me—once an unknown soldier of the great war—to rise and be leader of my dearly loved people. Providence called me to find a way to free our people from its deepest misery without any shedding of blood and lead it upward once more, and Providence has granted that I might fulfill my life's task—to raise my German people out of the depths of defeat and liberate it from the bonds of the most infamous dictate of all times. I should have sinned against my call by Providence had I failed in my own endeavor to lead my native country and my German people of Ostmark back to the Reich and thus to a community of German people.

Religion Backs Up Hitler

It is worth while noting that on Sunday, March 19, 1939, when Hitler returned from his seizure of all that was left of Czechoslovakia, all the church bells in Berlin rang with joy that the murderer had accomplished his

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purpose. It is also of interest that the much-battered Goebbels was back on his job of propaganda minister, too.



A wireless dispatch from Berlin states that General Franco, in a personal letter to Adolf Hitler, assured that person that the new Spain, under his control and management, will definitely go along with and support the policies of Germany, Italy and their backers. What else would he do? It is all part of a definite plan to make the whole world totalitarian. Hitler, Mussolini and Franco are all Roman Catholics.

One of the very first to congratulate Pope Pius XII on his election was Adolf Hitler. The very first ambassador Pope Pius XII received was the German ambassador. The German Government was expecting to be represented at the coronation of the new pope, and to view with satisfaction the act of the German and other cardinals kissing Pacelli's ring, and the German and other bishops kissing his foot. Business is coming along fine.

In a circular to school authorities Nazi education minister, Bernhard Rust, declared that religious education is as much a Nazi service as any other branch of instruction. As a matter of fact 85 percent of the Protestant teachers of Germany still teach religious classes.

Because they proclaim God's kingdom as the only possible hope of the world most of Jehovah's witnesses who are alive in Germany are in concentration camps, but a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church having jurisdiction in Germany and Austria boasted that his church has no trouble with the Nazi powers. One would think he would be ashamed to make the claim.

The latest news about Pastor Niemöller, ex-U-boat commander, about whom Protestants have had so much to say, is that he is studying Catholic theology. That is the way for him to get out of prison—just abandon the Scriptures entirely and give himself over wholly to the pet religion of the Devil.

Definitely Turning Against Jehovah

All religionists in Germany are definitely turning against Jehovah God, the great Creator, and against those who stand for the honor of His name, His witnesses in the earth. The accord between Catholicism and Protestantism in Germany is so substantial that nobody thought anything strange of the act of Field

Marshal Goering presenting the new village of Fassberg, near Lüneburg, with what is called a Simultankirche, i.e., a church which is to be used by both Catholic and Protestant congregations. There are several such, as in Wetzlar, Altenberg, and Bautzen.



As the head of the council of the German Evangelical Church, Friedrich Werner sent out the following blasphemous prayer, to be prayed in all churches on Hitler's fiftieth birthday:

Almighty God, we thank Thee that Thou hast permitted our Fuehrer and Reich's Chancellor to complete in health and strength his fiftieth year. We thank Thee for having sent to our German people through him a change of fortune from slavery and disgrace, misery and degeneration to freedom and honor, prosperity and renewed life.

We pray Thee from our hearts that Thou mayest also in the future keep our Fuehrer in Thy faithful care; preserve him in health and joyous strength and permit him to complete his work as Thou hast hitherto visibly furthered its execution.

Through Thy mercy grant that his whole nation may surround him evermore, that our armies, on land, on the water and in the air, may ever gladly serve him and victoriously protect our Fatherland in the hour of need and danger and that we may all, each in his own place, further his work according to Thy will.

Contrast this with the following from *The American Guardian*, and decide now where you would rather be, if in Germany: in a concentration camp or in the ranks of the Evangelical "ministry" to the Devil:

The Nazis are all a-jitter over a sect of religionists known as the International Bible Students Association (called Jehovah's witnesses in the U. S. and vigilantly prosecuted in many places, particularly where Catholics control political machinery). They are accused by Hitler's police of becoming a "Red menace", just as all movements not worshipful of the gangster régime are called "Communist". What worries German business men and bankers and militarists most is that they cite Biblical verses "to prove" the imminent downfall of Hitler, and that these straws of hope are eagerly grasped by many Germans. They also fear that the organization is furnishing a rallying point for the harassed millions who hate Fascism and fight to overthrow it.

Jehovah, the Great Creator

The name of Jehovah, the great Creator, occurs in the Scriptures, alone or in combination with other words, more than 6,000 times. The Bible is Jehovah's Word, not the word of any man or men. Jesus Christ is claimed by

Him to have been His Son, and Jesus always acknowledged that Jehovah is His Father. Would you think that any would dare speak lightly of Jehovah? Yet the following are headlines of various newspapers, of the dates named (all 1938):

New York *Herald Tribune* (Nov. 13): "Goering to Make Jewry Pay for Rath's Death by Cession of Fourth of Its Wealth to the Nation. Theaters, Concerts, Are Closed to Them. Victims Must Repair Riot Havoc at Own Expense; Hitler's Paper Calls It 'Jehovah's bankruptcy'."

New York *World-Telegram* (Nov. 19): "Nazis Outlaw Jehovah's Name."

Newark, N. J., *Ledger* (Nov. 19): "Expulsion of Jehovah."

Milwaukee *Journal* (Nov. 19): "Must Erase 'Jehovah', Reich's Churches Told."

New York *Times* (Nov. 20): "Name of 'Jehova' Banned in North Reich Churches."

New York *Sunday News* (Nov. 20): "Nazis Censor Bible; Eliminate Jehovah."

Regina, Sask., *Leader Post* (Nov. 21): "God of Israel and Prophets Must Be Erased."

Washington, D.C., *Evening Star* (Nov. 19): "Jehovah's Name Ordered Out of Reich Churches; Erasure Decreed on Threats to Burn Edifices."

New York *Sunday Mirror* (Nov. 20): "Hitler Pushes Drive, Erases Name Jehovah."

San Francisco *Chronicle* (Nov. 20): "'Jehovah' Banned, Property Seized."

Richmond, Va., *Item* (Nov. 25): "Hitler Bans Jehovah."

Boston *Sunday Advertiser* (Nov. 27): "Jehovah Banished."

The world of Noah's day was destroyed for parallel cause, and the people of Nineveh were mild and justifiable by comparison. This generation is going to be destroyed, and deserves it well. It has no thought of love or reverence for the Creator. Millions of them have been taught that He does not exist.

Treatment of Jehovah's witnesses



"The reports from the concentration camps confirm and prove the anguish endured by all interned there. The vile treatment meted out to the prisoners continues to this day. Here are some of the forms that treatment takes: blows with cudgels and beatings with horsewhips; ends of the fingers crushed in a linen-drying machine; women

and children fleeing in order to escape being taken as hostages for the menfolk, the object being to overcome the resistance of the latter by ill-treatment of the former; women and girls struck heavy blows with a stick on the hinder parts; torture post bristling with nails; and finally murder itself. The family of a murdered man are not even allowed to say a prayer at the graveside of their beloved dead on the day of the funeral. The subordinate officials lay the blame for these atrocities on the authorities, who are conversant with everything that goes on.

"The same infamous acts are committed in the territory of Danzig. Those who refuse to give the Hitler salute in the so-called 'Free State' are dismissed from their work and persecuted. The officials of that state, controlled by the League of Nations, even go to the length of giving up the Danzig Bible Students (Jehovah's witnesses) to the German authorities. Protests addressed to the League are useless. Europe closes its eyes and shuts its ears. It is a shame that the good name of Switzerland should be compromised by one of its citizens, the present commissioner of the League of Nations.

"*Crusade Against Christianity* is addressed to men of good will. The author evidently thinks that some still remain. But ought not the very stones themselves to cry out against these iniquities?

"In Switzerland Jehovah's witnesses have been refused permission to give public lectures intended to expose the crusade of the Swastika against Christianity. The pretext advanced for this refusal is the Hitler fable that they are Communists.

"Is Roman Catholicism envious of Jehovah's witnesses? Possibly so, because of their heroic martyrs. Certainly it hates these 'heretical laymen' who venture to explain the Bible without Papal authority.

"The author of this recent publication dispenses with all Scriptural explanations. He ought to be a glad man and to esteem it an honor to have thus pleaded the cause of those Christians who suffer persecution and death for their faith and in defense of the cause of righteousness. If statesmen and politicians had but even a small portion of the courage that imbues Jehovah's witnesses the numerous crimes perpetrated by the present demons in office would have been impossible."—From the *French Consolation* of October, 1938.

A Sweet Morsel



SUGAR is a comparatively modern commodity. For thousands of years honey was the only sweetening substance known. A hundred years ago sugar was such an expensive article that the average person consumed about ten pounds per annum, as against ten times that amount today.

Most authorities agree that sugar-making originated in India and other parts of the Orient. The modern word *sugar* comes from the Sanscrit "chakara", similar to the Persian "shakar". No doubt the Crusaders of the Middle Ages brought back supplies of sugar with them and thus started the trade in that commodity between the West and the East. The royal palaces at Madrid and Toledo were built with the profits of the sugar trade.

At that time sugar was used chiefly as a medicine, and so valuable was it that explorations were made in various parts of the world to find new sources of supply. It is said that Christopher Columbus had the discovery of sugar as one of his objectives when he started his memorable journey across the Atlantic. With the advent of tea and coffee, however, sugar began to be used for sweetening purposes generally and became more or less one of life's necessities.

Until the time of Napoleon the sugar cane was the source of the sugar supplies of the world. The wars in Europe caused France to be cut off from her supplies, and so scientists began to seek some other means of manufacturing the article. Apples, pears, plums, and even walnuts and chestnuts, were tried, but with little success. The first factory for the manufacture of sugar from the beet was erected by a German chemist in the year 1802. The French soon learned of this, and less than ten years later a Frenchman, Benjamin Delessert, produced some well-crystallized beet sugar. As soon as the news reached the ears of Napoleon, he dropped all other business and rushed off to the sugar factory, where, in his delight, he pinned the Cross of the Legion of Honor, which he had been wearing, onto the breast of the astonished chemist. For some time sugar made from beets was not popular, but the public soon began to realize that sugar was sugar, from whatever source it was produced, and since that time the sugar beet has been a serious rival of the sugar cane.

Sugar cannot be produced artificially. Carbon, hydrogen and oxygen are combined in sugar, but just how, nobody has been able to discover. Chemists say that sunshine is necessary in the combination of these three elements, and sunshine is something which the scientists of today have not as yet been able to manufacture.

Among the products of the sugar cane is molasses, or black treacle as it is known in England. This is said to be an excellent remedy for constipation, although too much is liable to have a bad effect on the heart and also on the delicate lining of the stomach. This may not be noticed for some years, however. Other by-products are blackstrap, or inedible molasses, used largely in manufacture of cattle feed, industrial alcohol and yeast. Insulating wallboards are made from the ground cane, reduced to pulp. The pulp is also used for fuel.

Sugar is also used in the sweetening of tobacco, and the manufacture of soap and high explosives, while housewives know the part it plays in canning and preserving as well as in baking and confectionery.—J. A. Williams.

The Butter Yellow Dye

◆ The butter yellow dye, used to give a nice color to that mysterious and questionable compound called "oleomargarine", causes skin disease when a strap colored with it is worn next to the wrist. Maybe you are more particular in what you have on the outside of your wrist than in what you have on the inside of your stomach. Encourage your undertaker by eating oleo dyed yellow.

New Method of Cleaning Turkeys

◆ In the new method of cleaning turkeys the larger tail and wing feathers are removed by hand. Then the bird is dried and dipped in wax. Then it is sprayed with cold water to harden the wax. Then the wax is removed and with it come all the rest of the feathers. The wax is recovered centrifugally.

Fuzzless Peaches

◆ Fuzzless peaches do not grow that way, but are made that way by a high-speed defuzzing machine which revolves them against brushes with just enough pressure to make them more attractive and palatable.



"Fear of Man Bringeth a Snare"

◆ A witness here who came out of fleshly Israel told me recently that after attending the Memorial he reached home to find that his wife and relatives were just winding up the Passover service there. The conclusion of that service is a priestly imposition, as follows: A goblet of wine is placed on the table and the outside door is opened. He arrived just after the door had been opened, and because every one was in the next room, when they heard him enter they called out, "Who is there?" Being a wit he answered, "The angel of death." Being utterly superstitious concerning death they got hysterical, that is, the females did. Then he said, "What is this? Why do you put the wine on the table and open the door?" They answered, "That is to let the Gentiles know that we are not drinking the blood of a Gentile baby."

Herman said, "Is not this an abomination to Jehovah, that you should show fear of men? If Jehovah is really your God and you trust Him, what should you care what the Gentiles think? How do you think that Jehovah could have His name declared in all the earth if you never mention it?"—Contributed.

Learning Things at Vinco

◆ Everybody at Vinco, Pennsylvania, is learning things. *Loyalty* booklets were put in every home. The five members of the school board did not know of the decision of Federal Judge Maris that children cannot be compelled to salute the flag, and when they learned it they were mad; they said, Federal decision or no Federal decision, they had given instructions to the teachers to lick all the children each morning until they salute; also all Jehovah's witnesses ought to be murdered, to the accompaniment of profanity. Then the teachers were visited, and being used to using their brains (differing from the school board in this respect), they decided there would be no more flag saluting for those who did not wish to do it, and the result was that nearly one-half refused to salute any more. The citizens are

learning, the school board is learning, the teachers are learning, the children are learning, and before you know it Vinco is going to be a fairly nice place to live.

Not Figuring Cost of Books

◆ Some people say the spreading of the message of God's kingdom is a money-making scheme. Very well! Jehovah's people put in approximately 13,905,000 hours a year in the service, counting time coming and going. Rate their time as worth 50 cents an hour; the value would be \$6,952,500. Allow one gallon of gas a day for each worker and there would be another \$1,800,000; total outlay, \$8,752,500. Total received for books and booklets, not counting one cent for paper, covers, printing, binding or transportation from factory to worker, \$1,060,683.15. How rich would you feel, reader, if you were engaged in an enterprise in which you annually made \$1,060,683.15 (assuming that your books cost nothing whatever) and lost \$7,691,816.85? And what would you think of a nut that would think you were making millions out of what you were doing, even when you offered to give him literature for nothing, provided he would promise to read it?—C. O. Shoemaker, Washington.

"God Must Have a Permit"

◆ The Reading (Pa.) *Graphic*, reporting interference with the work of one of Jehovah's witnesses in proclaiming the Kingdom as the hope of the world, mentioned that the young woman in question was ordered to stop and proceed to the city hall for a permit, and put the whole story under the startling but pointed headline, "Even God must have a permit," thus going direct to the absurdity at the heart of the whole matter. Here and there is still an honest and courageous and caustic spokesman for the public.

Odd Happening at Lykens

◆ At Lykens, Pennsylvania, where one of Jehovah's witnesses was arrested for proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom, an odd thing happened recently. The "Reverend" H. B. Rittenhouse had just completed his sermon on the text, "He shall baptize thee with fire," when his church, the Transfiguration Baptist, caught fire and burned to the ground. On the next evening the local firemen were to have attended in a body a meeting especially intended for them.

Re the Letter to Roosevelt

Mr. Robert F. Graham,
825-C Bath St.,
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Sir:

This is in reply to your letter of April 6. I note that you run quite true to form. You use the very distinctive Roman Catholic method of answering arguments. You do not set forth any facts or answering allegations, but resort to abuse by saying that my letter is "the ravings of a depraved mind" and that it is "a libelous insult to the Catholic religion" and that I "must have at some time suffered a severe head injury".

It's very easy to call names and to employ abuse of that sort, but to present facts is another matter. Catholic newspapers, periodicals and books use the same method. Not one of them comes forth with any facts to answer the allegations and statements which have been made against that church.

Judge Rutherford has published and circulated many books in many languages, from one part of the country to the other, in which facts proving fraudulent practices of the Catholic Church have been set forth. No attempt has been made to answer them, but there has been a great torrent of vilification and abuse poured out upon him. It seems that you use the same method; and apparently it comes from the head of the Catholic organization.

We can give you plenty of proof, but from the tone of your letter I do not think proof would mean anything to you. The fact that two thousand Christian people have been arrested in this country at the instigation of the Catholic clergy is one line of proof. How many Catholics have been arrested in the

United States for preaching the gospel? Not one. But two thousand of Jehovah's witnesses have been arrested for that so-called "offense" at the instance of Catholic clergy.

Furthermore, with reference to the submission of proof, I would like to ask you a question. Do you deny the fifteen points set out in my letter as to the relation between

Fascism and Roman Catholicism? Do you deny that the pope recognizes and supports Franco and did support him through all of his murderous attacks upon children and others in Spain? Do you deny that the pope has diplomatic relations with dictators, including Hitler and Mussolini? Do you deny that Father Coughlin's activities are Fascist? Do you deny that the Catholic Church is the main support of totalitarianism in Québec? Do you deny that the Catholic organization supports Mayor Hague in his totalitarian rule in Jersey City?

If you honestly think those allegations are not true, please say so, and we

will give you some proof.

In addition to those allegations, in my letter to President Roosevelt I submitted nine specific instances where the Catholics have infringed upon freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of assembly. Do you deny that those statements are true? Please answer.

In my letter to the president I also stated that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy carries on a racket by frightening people into paying large sums of money for protection and release from a mythical place of future punishment labeled "purgatory". Do you deny that Catholics pay money to priests for release from "purgatory"? Do you claim that there is any such place as "purgatory"? Can you give any proof in support of it?



Doorstep method of witnessing

We can furnish plenty of proof that the "purgatory" racket is conducted by Catholic priests for financial reasons only. If your mind is open to any degree at all we can give you the evidence and the proof.

If you want to discuss these matters on the basis of reason and evidence, I shall be glad to go into them with you further. But if your only method is to resort to the calling of names and insinuating that any person who criticizes the Catholic church is unbalanced mentally, then, of course, there is no further need for discussion. I would like to hear from you further.

Yours very truly,
OLIN R. MOYLE.

Baptist Preacher in Birmingham

◆ Special pioneers called the other day on a Baptist preacher's wife in Birmingham who has loved the truth for a quarter of a century. Her husband bitterly opposed it and her because of it, from the first. At times he became violent, burned her books time and again, and a year or so ago went so far as to break her arm. Members of his church took his wife's part and he apologized before the deacons. His son protected his mother at the time of the assault, and the neighbors encouraged him to do so, protesting that his mother is a good woman, as indeed she is.

The husband endeavored to force his wife to leave her home, but she does her part in making and keeping it, and the Domestic Relations Court has instructed her to stay right where she is, and report to them if her husband further molests her. However, he does all possible to keep her from getting out in the work which is so dear to her heart. Also, as the head of the home, he compels his son, still a minor, to attend his church. Through it all the wife remains true and faithful to the Lord, receives many rich blessings at His hands and knows that the time of the great deliverance draws on apace.—Ola D. Richardson, Alabama.

Witnesses in Action in Dover, N. H.



After caretaker Brooks had given us assurance Saturday morning that the arrangement made two weeks previous still stood good for renting the Grange Hall for that night and all day Sunday, and an advertisement of the Sunday public meeting there was inserted in the *Dover Democrat*, the Grangers hall committee, George Kay, chairman, sent notice that due to complaints they must deny Jehovah's witnesses the hall, and locked the doors.

Sunday morning our regional servant and zone servant together called at Kay's home, who claimed he was not at liberty to tell who or what was back of this interference with our use of Grange Hall. He and committeeman Morrison pretended ignorance of Brooks' arrangement (even that Jehovah's witnesses had met in their hall before), and disavowed all Catholic instigation. No Catholic Action, eh? Well, note what followed:

Immediately after Kay's unfair action, by scurrying around other halls were hired, (1) the G.A.R. hall in Dover for the 7 o'clock meeting that night of the local and out-of-town servants of companies and for the Sunday night lecture on "Fascism or Freedom"; and (2) the Eagles hall in Somersworth, five miles distant, for the zone-assembly meetings Sunday forenoon and afternoon. About 6 p.m. Saturday the out-of-town witnesses began arriving at Grange Hall, so an information march was organized. For an hour they marched, seventeen of them, using the signs advertising Grange Hall. Some soft vegetables were thrown at them by anonymous Actionists. Also our Saturday newspaper advertisement, parallel with a religious church advertisement, on the front page, announced our public meeting as at Grange Hall. Thousands of the handbill announcements, with the Grange Hall address, were distributed both Saturday and Sunday.



"Down in old Virginny"
Ninety-eight years young, and eager to hear and read
about God's kingdom

Sunday noon another information march, with nineteen marchers, braved the "Palm Sunday" winds, rain and snow slush, still using Grange Hall announcement signs. No word of any change of hall was given, lest Catholic Action again get busy and break up our new arrangements. Toward 4 o'clock that afternoon a thick, heavy snowfall set in, and it looked like a black-out for the 7 p.m. public lecture. Only 28 of the witnesses were able to remain in Dover to assist. As soon as possible the majority of these went over and took possession of the G.A.R. hall, forestalling any surprise enemy action to have the doors locked in our face, with us on the outside. They would now have to evict us. Witnesses were stationed at the locked Grange Hall to redirect all strangers to the new hall. A large notice read: "Grange Hall canceled. Inquire here for information concerning new hall."

Twenty minutes to 7 p.m. an enemy sign parade marched to Grange Hall, to picket the place and scare away the public. The youths carried signs (on backs of movie picture display cards) in poor lettering: "Follow God and Be Happy"; "Don't Get Hooked"; "Religious Fanatics Be Careful"; "Hail Americanism"; "Religion for America and Americans"; "Don't Go In!"; "Hail God and Country"; "Hitler, Mussolini and Judge Rutherford Maybe?"; "They Are Traitors to Our Flag"; "Be a Patriot Stay Out." They began shouting for information, trying to involve the witnesses there in strife. "Why are you against us?" they demanded. (Who's "us"?) The timely appearance of police patrolman Allen (not Catholic) cut short an attempt at violence. One significant thing they said was: "Just wait until you have your convention in New York in June." (How did they find that out?)

Finally learning with chagrin that we had gotten a new hall, cursing they stomped over there and climbed up to G.A.R. Hall, and acted riotously. Police Officer Allen was called to intervene, and forced them to quiet down. Several times they remarked about what

would happen in New York in June. Only twenty minutes late the meeting opened, the lecture proceeded (two phonographs being used, thus safeguarding a costlier transcription machine), and the audience of 71 listened. Fearing under police surveillance to carry further their vicious designs, the sign-bearing rowdies could stand no more of the heat of the lecture and went out, leaving behind their signs on the floor—and eggs too! in the hallway and on the stairs. As the ringleader Turgeon (a French Catholic) passed Police Officer Allen he sarcastically remarked: "Thanks for all your assistance!" (which they had not got. They were deliberately sent there by the priest, without a doubt.)

Despite all this the meeting was a grand success. All chairs were filled, some people were standing, and if the weather had been even fair we could never have taken care of the people in the G.A.R. hall. After the gangsters left, 16 when Part 2 of the lecture began, and 5 more after Part



Result of a back-call at Shepherd, Mich.—20 Jonadabs

6, there were 50 that heard the speech all through. Of these, 22 showed remarkable interest and asked where we met regularly. Witnesses took some home, and others left their names. Booklets (24) and one Bible were placed, and several persons lingered around till after 9 p.m. because of interest.

Various business places, including Diamond's barber shop, and several other places, which people are interested and were seen in the meeting hall, have been denounced by the priest Rene Constanti, who wrote in to the Society for those two free booklets. He told people that they would no longer be served communion in the church, and threatened these other places of business with boycott.

What? No Catholic Action behind that Grange Hall shutout? Wake up, Grange Hall committeemen Kay and Morrison and Cobb, if you are "Protestants" and Americans! —F. W. Franz, Bethel.

[The threats against the public meeting in New York in June above recorded are plain evidence of conspiracy.—Ed.]



Jehovah's Kingdom publishers at Elkader, Iowa

Monroe County (N. Y.) Penitentiary

◆ During the summer months of 1937, we asked the officials of the Monroe County Penitentiary if they would like to have us set up educational programs for the prisoners, which programs have to do with the establishment of God's kingdom on earth. The warden thought it a good idea to help the prisoners and inmates and consented. He invited us to come on the following Sunday morning, because it was the free Sunday of the month, the other Sundays being engaged by the Catholic priest and the Protestant minister. We were to have one-hour programs.

The following Sunday the sound-car was driven into the prison yard and the prisoners were marched out of their cells and made to sit on the grass surrounding the car. First we put on a musical record. This aroused the interest of inmates, guards and all others. Then followed the lecture records, Judge Rutherford speaking. At the end all looked at the car in wonder and amazement. We had been told not to have any kind of discussion; therefore we announced free booklets for those who desired them. Ninety-four were left with guards and prisoners.

The warden thought this very good and invited the car to come one Sunday per month with similar programs. Each month the car visited the penitentiary it was received with shouts of joy by the men. Each time we left booklets with those who desired them. This kept on for five or six months, when one Sunday we were told that we must discontinue our programs. Asking the reason, we were told that "Reverend" Eug. Golding and "Reverend Father" William Hollock were in charge of the religious affairs there and that they had ordered the programs stopped without giving any reason therefor.



An information march at Mounds, Ill.

The warden seemed a changed man, evidently fearing that he might lose his political job. A few months later we learned that all the booklets left with the guards and inmates had been gathered and burned, and a drastic order had been issued that whoever failed to surrender any WATCHTOWER literature in his possession would be confined in solitary confinement on bread and water for one week. About 500 booklets were thus seized and destroyed.—A. Mulley, New York.

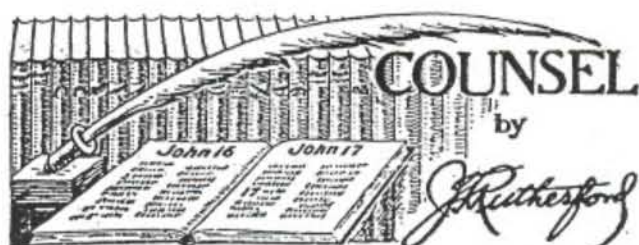
Feeling the Pinch

◆ Feeling the pinch of the truth, "Reverend Father" Peter M. H. Wynthoven, whose illegal and subversive acts in the State of Louisiana have from time to time been noticed in these columns, makes the squawk in *The Catholic Digest* that *The Watchtower* and this publication combined have a larger circulation than all the Catholic weeklies put together.

What the People Got

◆ One day recently, while in the service, I came across a boy by the name of John Doyle, about ten years of age, selling chances for the priest of his church. The winners were supposed to win a statue of "St. John the Divine". He asked me if I wanted to buy a chance from him. I told him No, because I would throw the statue out if I won it, anyway. John started to laugh and said, "Well, seeing as you will not buy a chance, I might as well tell you. I get fifty cents per book of chances, and when I sell a whole book I turn the money over to the priest and throw the addresses away. The people don't know it, but they do not win anyway, because the priest gets all the money. Then the priest raffles off the statue to us kids."—Paul Sherwood, New York.

(To be continued)



Hate

THE public press of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy repeatedly charges that Jehovah's witnesses are carrying forward a campaign of hate against Catholics and against all others who are religionists. That charge is without foundation in truth. Hate means to have and to manifest aversion against a person or thing. Jehovah's witnesses are Christians, and they do not hate any person because he is a Catholic, nor do they hate anyone because he is a Jew or a Protestant or because of his race or color. A sane person, who serves God, does not hate another person because that person is suffering from a deadly disease. On the contrary, he has pity for the person so suffering. He does hate the loathsome disease and would be glad to relieve the suffering person therefrom. Religion is a deadly disease because it is the invention of Satan, is the enemy of man, and leads men into certain and complete destruction. Because a person is under religious influence is no cause to hate that person, but rather a reason to have pity on that person, with a keen desire to relieve him from religious delusions and help him to see the truth. Jehovah's witnesses hate that which is false and try to help the people to see the truth. But they do not hate the persons who are laboring under the delusion of falsehoods.

Jehovah God and Christ Jesus hate hypocrisy. Religion is hypocritical and produces hypocrites. Therefore God and Christ hate religion. (Proverbs 6:16; Matthew 15:1-9) Those who serve God are instructed in these words: "These are the things that ye shall do: Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates; and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath; for all these are things that I hate, saith the Lord."—Zechariah 8:16, 17.

The Catholic religion defames the name of the Almighty God Jehovah in many things,

such as the doctrines of "purgatory", "eternal torment," of the "infallibility of the pope", and the 'power of men to hear and give absolution for sins'. It is the duty of all who love God to tell the truth; and the truth fully exposes the falsity of religion, and particularly that of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. Because men practice such a false religion is no excuse or justification to hate the individuals. No doubt most of the Catholics known as the "Catholic population" have been overreached by the adversary and hold to their religious belief because they do not know anything better. It is the duty of Christians to point out to all who will hear the truth that Jehovah is the only true God, and to Him alone belongs salvation. (Psalm 3:8) Christians must tell others that God has provided salvation through Christ Jesus and that there is no other means of obtaining salvation. (Acts 4:12; Romans 6:23) They must declare that the wages of sin is death and that the doctrines of "purgatory" and "torment" are inventions of the Devil, brought into action to defame God's name and turn the people away from the Most High. They must inform the people that God, through Christ Jesus, forgives sins, and that no man, whether he is a priest or not, has any authority or power to receive confessions, forgive sins, or to relieve men from their sins. (1 John 1:9; Ephesians 1:7) The Roman Catholic Hierarchy teaches that the pope is a successor of Peter and that Peter is the foundation of God's church. Such a doctrine is a defamation of God's name because Christ Jesus is the foundation Stone, upon whom God builds His church, and there is none other. The Hierarchy teaches the people that the Roman Catholic organization should have a controlling voice in the political affairs of the world, and therefore should indulge in politics, all of which is contrary to the proper course of a Christian.—James 4:4.

Jehovah's witnesses, in obedience to God's command, declare the truth as the truth is set forth in the Bible; and this they do in order that good may be done to others. The Roman Catholic Hierarchy have ever tried to keep the people in ignorance of what is contained in the Bible, and when the truth is told to the people the Hierarchy become angry and resort to vicious slander and other wicked action against Jehovah's witnesses. The Hierarchy are the ones who manifest hate toward individuals who are the witnesses of the Almighty God.

Jehovah's witnesses follow the rule laid down in the Scriptures which says: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10) A witness for Jehovah would do no harm to any person because that person holds to any certain belief or practice in form of religion. By pointing out to that person the truth, as set forth in the Word of God, good is rendered

unto that person, whether he is a Catholic, a Protestant, or of no religion whatsoever. Satan is the enemy of all men, and especially of those who desire to do right, and his policy is to withhold the truth from the people; and therefore the peoples of earth are in bondage to the Devil. The truth opens the way to freedom and to life; and therefore those who tell others of the truth of God's Word are doing them good and pointing them to the way of deliverance and life.—John 8:32.

Ku Klux Klan

AT THE jamboree in Atlanta when Hiram W. Evans, imperial wizard of the gangster organization known as the Ku Klux Klan, was special guest of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, on the occasion of the dedication of a cathedral on what had been the site of Ku Klux Klan headquarters, "Right Reverend" Gerald O'Hara, bishop of the diocese, made the prophecy that he was sure much good would come of it. And if it would not be a good thing for two gangsters to get together, what would? Of course, it would not be good for the public, but it would be good for the gangsters. One hand could be used to wash another; and that is what O'Hara meant.

Miami's anarchists, childishly covering their heads with hoods so that nobody could see their cowardly features, rode through the Colored section of Miami with the license plates of their automobiles covered, in violation of the law, and set up and burned more than 25 of their helplessly idiotic fiery crosses, all with the intention of preventing Colored citizens from voting. The next day a full thousand of the Negroes voted, and, to the credit of Miami's police, none of whom could be found when the crosses were burning, they were protected in their rights. Seven pictures of the Ku Klux anarchists in the *Miami Herald*, showing the hangman's noose and other features representing their contempt of the law, made the Negroes determined to exercise their rights, so that the Kluxers really defeated their own cowardly objectives.

On a Monday night, 66 automobiles were driven in Miami with their license plates covered, in violation of the state and city laws. They were driven through red lights, in violation of the law. They parked on city-owned

property without a permit, and illegally denied others that privilege. They appointed one of their own number a traffic cop. One of their cars sideswiped another car, but did not stop. There were no arrests. They were members of the illegal, un-American organization the Ku Klux Klan, one of the principal tools of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in Dixieland.

Three Years for Practicing Slavery

◆ Seemingly never having learned of the Civil War of 1861-1865, or what it was all about, Joseph Shelly Decker, Mississippi planter, got a three-year prison sentence for chaining Ethel Davis to a bed at night and working her in the fields by day, to pay off a debt owed by her common-law husband J. W. Wiggins. Wiggins was also chained for a time, but made his escape, brought the sheriff to the place, and when he arrived the sheriff found the woman in chains. Decker admitted the charges, which could not be denied, but said he was still minus the \$175 he had expected the couple to work out.

Will Give God a Chance

◆ By a vote of 151 to 130 the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, meeting at Meridian, Mississippi, decided to omit the following sections from the church code, thus showing their disposition to give God a chance (which is right funny when you come to think of it):

By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestined unto everlasting life and others foreordained to everlasting death. And their number is so certain and definite that it can not be either increased or diminished.

Protestantism

500 Representative Ministers

♦ A survey of 500 representative ministers in the Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Evangelical, Lutheran and Methodist churches showed that 48 percent did not believe the Scriptural account of creation, 38 percent do not believe in special revelation, 28 percent reject prophecy, 55 percent hold that the Bible contains myths and legends, 19 percent do not believe in the virgin birth of Christ, 24 percent do not believe in the atonement, and 27 percent do not believe in the second advent of the Lord. These figures were supplied by Reverend Dr. Clarence E. Macartney, former moderator of the Presbyterian church in the United States.

What to Wear

♦ The girls are often bothered to know what they shall wear. Not sure if this information will be of any value, but it ought to help some. It is taken from a church paper styled *Trinity Church Advent Bulletin*:

The stole is the narrow, colored band, usually silk, worn over the shoulders of the clergy, and pendent on each side nearly to the floor. It is properly worn during the holy communion, and commonly worn during the other services. The colors change with the season. The tippet is a black band worn as a stole, but wider than the latter. It is used on occasions which do not require a stole. The cincture is a girdle worn round the waist outside the cassock. The hood is the ornamental fold of silk, usually brightly colored, hanging from the shoulders down the back of the priest.

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Voting on Jehovah

♦ Alarmed because the Creator himself stated that His personal name is Jehovah, a group in Los Angeles advertised in the church notices their opposition to dropping His name from the Bible and wished the readers of the papers to vote on this question, and also to state whether they believe "Jehovah" is functioning today. What a strange notion, and, when one comes to think of it, how supremely impudent, that any person should presume to vote on the status of the One who holds the earth in the palm of His hand, and to whom even the stars of heaven are a very little thing. The fact is that this generation has gone nuts and does not even realize any more how absolutely foolish it is in the eyes of God.



Strange reasoning at Rosedale, Pennsylvania

More Religion

for Philadelphia

♦ The more religion, the less Christianity. Cautiously, so as not to attract too much unfavorable attention, though eager to get just enough of the right attention, the Newtown Presbyteri-

an church has done what it could to make its interior look like a Roman Catholic church. The communion table now occupies the place usually occupied by an altar, is called an altar, has a cross at least two feet high on it, and the church is open daily for "prayer"—which Jesus said should be done in the privacy of one's own closet, with the door shut. But of what avail to quote Jesus to modern-day religious racketeers? They heed Him not.



Yezidi Devil Worshipers



Basing their ideas on a misconception of the meaning of the word *love*, some who profess to have come to a knowledge of Jehovah's purposes maintain that Satan, the archrebel, will be ultimately forgiven and brought into harmony with God. This teaching is one of the main doctrines taught by a sect who actually worship "Shaitan", or Satan, although they never mention his name, such is their great reverence for him. They call him "Melek Taus", or the Peacock Angel.

There can be no doubt in the minds of the majority of the readers of *Consolation* as to the whereabouts of the chief representatives on this earth of the prince of darkness, although such representatives do not acknowledge the one they serve. There is, however, a priesthood openly claiming to serve the Devil and priding themselves in the possession of the "holy" (unholy) place where he can be worshiped. The place is the shrine of the Shaikh Adi, and the people who are the acknowledged worshipers of Satan are the Yezidis of Iraq.

Shaikh Adi is claimed as the founder of this sect and is said by some to have been a Magian. Others maintain that he was a Christian (?) bishop who lies buried on the spot where the temple now stands, and that he died before the Yezidi faith started. Knowing something of bishops, past and present, who claim or have claimed to be Christian, it is not difficult to believe that one was responsible for the foundation of the sect in question.

The religion itself is, like another and better-known brand, a mixture of several religions. Among other things, the Yezidis believe that Satan was expelled from heaven for a few thousand years only, and given power on earth during the time of his expulsion, and that later he is to be elevated to the position of highest favor; and that, of course, explains the Yezidis' religion. Like other religions, it exploits the selfish instincts and desires of its devotees.

Just as the clergy of the Roman Catholic

"church" claim that the "sufferings of purgatory" can be alleviated for a consideration, so the priests of the Yezidis teach that, by placating Satan with gifts of money and jewelry now, his worshipers will be in his good books when Satan is restored to favor.

Another similarity in the religion of the Yezidis and the Roman Catholic brand is seen in the fact that the reading of two books, carefully hidden and said to contain the creed of the worshipers of Satan, is unlawful except for the priests. For this reason it is difficult to obtain correct information regarding them.

The high priests of this religion are also like their counterparts in the Roman Catholic brand during the Dark Ages (for which they, of course, were responsible); for the seven predecessors to the present Mir, as the high priest is called, were murdered by their successors.

Health and fortune are assured (?), not by kissing somebody's big toe, but by kissing a brass peacock, after a sum satisfying to the attendants, known as Qowwals, has been handed over. There are said to be two of these birds, one on the east side of the Tigris and the other on the west. According to the Yezidis, when the eastern bird crosses the river the world will come to an end.

Another method of making contributions is to throw the offering down a crevice in the Sinjar mountains. Some years ago, a Yezidi, probably starting to think for himself, attached some sticky pitch to a long piece of rope and, letting this down the crevice, was able to enjoy some lucrative fishing. Lucky in his first attempt, he decided to repeat the process, but his neighbors began to remark his greatly improved circumstances. His movements were watched, and when he was discovered fishing in the "sacred" crevice, there was but one remedy. Satan had to be avenged, and so the unfortunate angler was stoned to death.

In the eyes of "civilized" religionists, the practices of these people must seem an abomination, as they are. But the practices of religion are just as great an abomination in the eyes of those who have come to a knowledge of what the Bible really teaches. What is more important, religion of every brand is an abomination in the eyes of Jehovah. It is, in fact, devil worship, under whatever name it appears. It must rejoice the hearts of all lovers of righteousness that this abomination is soon to be destroyed.—J. A. Williams, Lithuania.

CONSOLATION

Reply to a Nun in China



You state in your letter you want me to collect money for you from all the people I can and then send it to you, and you will try to repay me by praying for me. I'm sorry, Agnes, but I cannot do this, because it is against God and Christ to support the organization you represent. In fact, the Bible shows that Jehovah God, through Christ Jesus, will soon destroy all religion, and mainly the Roman Catholic organization, which is the most wicked of them all. You say you are sure God will bless me and my family for whatever I do for you and your organization. God has blessed me and my family already by giving me an understanding of this great truth, that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is the Devil's organization and He will destroy it soon at Armageddon.

You say that your mission is engaged in converting souls and baptizing them into Christians, and you did this to more than eighty of them on Christmas Eve. First of all, the Bible shows that there is a distinct difference between a Christian and a religionist and that before one can become a Christian he must abandon religion, because it is from the wicked one the Devil. The apostle Paul did this very thing. He was a religionist before he became a Christian. Second, God did not commission anyone to do any converting, but the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is only converting them as prisoners to support their own wicked, selfish organization. Third, even Christmas is not Scriptural. Christ was not born on the 25th of December; and nowhere in the Bible is it mentioned that we should ever celebrate His birth. This is another racket and falsehood that the Catholic organization has invented.

You may think this all strange because you think you are a Christian; but God's "strange work" is now going on in the earth showing the difference between religion and Christianity.

You say you are now in the convent about nine years and you were going to make your perpetual vows but couldn't because of war in China and in Spain. Now, Agnes, I cannot believe that after nine years of convent life you haven't seen many things going on in your religion, and behind convent walls, which you must know are deliberately wrong and against God and against Christ. Think it over, before

you make your so-called "perpetual vows".

You describe your panels and linen scarfs and tell me how they cost \$3.00 to \$5.00 in American money. And then you state that you can send them like magazines, so people will not have to pay any duty on them; because you already sent them to England, and they received them there without paying duty on them. Since you have signed your letter "Yours in Christ", showing that you claim to be in Christ, do you think Christ would approve of such methods? You sent me a leaflet with ten spaces for names of dead or living, each number costing twenty cents, and for life one dollar, which is supposed to be for masses. The Bible plainly says, "The living know that they shall die, but the dead know not any thing." (Ecclesiastes 9:5) Jesus says in John 5:28, 29, that the dead shall be resurrected in God's due time. Do you think Christ approves of collecting money on the pretense of helping people who are dead and know nothing?—Mrs. Lucy Scala, Connecticut.

Co-operation in India

♦ Co-operation in India has the same enemies and the same difficulties to contend with as elsewhere. *The Times of India* tells about some of these enemies and the efforts they make there (as everywhere else) to hog it and to get everything in their own hands, no matter who suffers in the process:

CALCUTTA, January 20.

"It is difficult to find words for the attitude of a man, and not merely a man, but a priest, who, with opportunities all round him of valuable constructive work, has preferred to attack and destroy what has been built by others." With these remarks Mr. L. H. Lethbridge, District and Sessions Judge of Alipore, dismissed the appeal filed by Father Mesaric, a Catholic priest, and five others against an order of the magistrate of Alipore binding them down to keep the peace for one year, following their activities in the estate of Sir Daniel Hamilton at Gosaba.

Discussing the appeal the judge remarked that it had been proved that Father Mesaric had lent money on mortgages to Gosaba tenants and in various ways had tried to acquire lands in it.

Mr. Lethbridge characterized Sir Daniel's endeavors in rural uplift at Gosaba as a great experiment and said that his experiment had achieved so great a measure of success and held out such hopes for the future that the attempt made by Father Mesaric to destroy it by attacking the co-operative institutions which were, so to speak, its vital organs could be described as an act of wanton sabotage.—*Associated Press*.

Catholic Untouchables in South India

◆ The Lucknow (India) *Pioneer*, referring to the Catholic untouchables of South India, expressed deep regret—

that while leading Hindus, men and women, were devoting the best part of their life to the removal of the curse of untouchability, the caste Catholics persisted in their mistaken conception of superiority of birth. The Catholic Church, by recognizing this distinction, was encouraging a system which was sapping the roots of society. It is, perhaps, known to few in northern India that conversion to Christianity has not solved the problem of the depressed classes of the South.

The Hierarchy in the Philippine Islands

◆ For some time now I have been reading articles in various publications of *The Watchtower* and *Consolation*. I might say that I have enjoyed reading these magazines very much, as I am fond of reading the Bible and uphold the teaching of Christ and His disciples. I have also read Judge Rutherford's two books *Riches* and *Enemies* and have heard some of his sermons on phonograph records. I have enjoyed reading his books and hearing him talk against the Hierarchy.

In 1931 I went to the Philippine Islands and lived there two years and six months. I liked it very much over there, as the climate agreed with me and I was never sick a day while I was there. It was there that I learned some things about the Roman Catholic church that I never knew before. The Catholic church has its hold on the people there as anywhere else in all other countries. They collect taxes from their followers, and they even own the cemeteries all over the country where they bury the dead. All living relatives of the deceased must pay rent or taxes to be able to keep them on the ground allotted by the church. If the rent or taxes are not kept up to date, they dig up the remains and throw them into some dump and rent the cubicle to someone else that can pay the pope his price for housing the deceased.

In another instance I had just attended a sale where one of the natives had sold a pig. I asked for what price he had sold the pig, and he said three-fourths of the money belongs to the church. He told me that anything a member of the church sold, a part of it belongs to the Roman Catholic church.

I can readily understand why Judge Rutherford is against the Vatican racket in every country in which the church is a power.

I myself even saw the priest going from one place to another collecting money for the church from the people from all walks of life. I don't see how the pope could stoop so low in collecting money under false pretenses and yet continue to wear such a "saintly" look on his face as he greets the populace at mass. The pope and his priests will have to answer to Jehovah for false kingdoms that they have set up and for calling themselves holy.

The Catholic Hierarchy has established in the Orient the finest cathedrals that I have ever seen, while all over I saw the conditions of how some of the natives were living in Manila under the towers of these costly churches. Native women and children in groups were begging on the streets for a few cents. It seems impossible that such conditions could be found in such a great city as Manila; but it is like that the world over.

In back of restaurants and cafés I found little children digging down into garbage cans looking for a morsel that would sustain the spark of life in their tiny bodies. Not once did I see or hear that the Hierarchy was taking care of hungry little souls that ran begging on the streets of Manila. But I do not blame these children for not seeking the shelter of the church. I myself would refuse to do so in any case that I might be down and out. I would take out my Bible and read the words of Jehovah and pray to the Lord to keep me from falling into the hands of the reproachers of Jehovah.—Orville T. Rediger, Kansas.

Church Pressure in Philippines

◆ Always, in every place in the earth, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is a strife-breeder and trouble-maker, and so was practicing its usual avocation in the new Philippine government when it introduced a bill providing for the teaching of the Roman Catholic religion in the public schools of the country. In pressing for passage of the bill the Hierarchy even had the audacity to warn legislators and the president and vice-president that they would oppose it at their peril. Nevertheless, though the Philippines are a Catholic country, both the president and the vice-president stood their grounds, insisting that they would not dishonor their oaths of office by betraying the Constitution, and when the bill was finally passed, the president, Manuel Quezon, won the lasting respect of liberty-lovers by giving it a veto.

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After Being Well Drenched

◆ After being well drenched in a soaking rain at the Eucharistic Show at Manila, the "Right Reverend" Silvestre Sancho, rector of the university of Santo Tomas in Manila, asked Catholics of the world to pray for the success of the Spanish insurgents. The Devil, to whom they prayed, answered these prayers in the affirmative.

Free Speech in Malaya

◆ Under the title "The Thin End of the Wedge" the Malacca *Guardian* comments on a proposed revision of the penal code of the Federated Malay States which would punish by fine or imprisonment up to two years, or both—

whoever by words, either spoken or written or by signs or visible representations, or otherwise, promotes or attempts to promote feelings of enmity or hatred between different classes of the public.

The *Guardian* thinks it an insult to the country, where a handful of Japanese live in perfect safety in the midst of a swarming Chinese population, that such legislation should have been proposed, and draws attention once more to the fact:

Freedom of speech and civil liberty are two of the greatest prized possessions under British rule, but strange as it may seem it looks as if the Colonial Government has followed Berlin and Rome, instead of London, in bringing this measure.

The *Guardian* seems not to know the influences that now enmesh British foreign policy in all parts of the world, and which definitely look forward to the suppression of popular liberties in exchange for the new and accursed form of government, or rather misgovernment, propagated from Vatican City and exemplified in Berlin, Vienna, Rome and Burgos.

Hierarchy's Sympathies with Japan

◆ As every well-informed person knows, one of the Roman Hierarchy's chief weapons is the boycott, which weapon they did not hesitate to use to force Judge Rutherford off the air at radio stations in St. Louis and elsewhere. It is therefore interesting to note that "Reverend Father" Curran, president of the Catholic Truth Society, deplored the rising boycott of Japanese goods as sentimental and Communist-inspired. The truth is that the Hierarchy's sympathies are with Japan in its rape of China, the same as with Italy in its rape of Ethiopia and Albania, and with Germany, Italy and the Moors in their destruction of the Spanish republic.

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The Filipinas Blew Up



The *Filipinas* (Australia) was a magazine that told you how to invest in votive lamps that would insure easy delivery, better jobs, sale of land, cure of all kinds of physical ills, rain, overcoming of bad habits, etc., as previously set forth in these columns. It was a good racket while it lasted, but at the last the racket petered out. People would not come across with the long green; and in spite of all their votive lamps (which they could have burned for themselves in a pinch), the magazine died. The people that bought the last lot of votive lamps must wonder what they got for their money if the lamps would not do one thing for the people that owned them in the first place.

From Tsining, China

◆ The Roman Catholic compound was not injured at all. No missionaries were injured. . . . We are daily hearing from authentic sources of many atrocities committed by the Japanese. No girl and no woman, married, single, or widow up to 70, is safe if the Japanese can get at them. Rape is still being committed by them, and it is reported that in the early days of the occupation anyone—husband, mother, children—who attempted to interfere was killed by the Japanese. It is even reported that they beheaded one old woman of 70 who attempted to interfere. Do all you can to get your women and girls inside your compound walls before the enemy reaches your place. We cannot tell the worst in this letter. When the enemy entered our city many, many Chinese were shot down, homes and stores entered and occupied. Nobody nor any property was safe in those days. Conditions are a little better now.—Manchester *Guardian*.

To Keep Out Terrorists

◆ To keep terrorists and munitions from entering Palestine from the north, the British Government built a "Chinese Wall" of barbed wire around the entire northern border. The Arab terrorists, sensing a coming repression of their activities, were highly indignant when their pay-off man, "Reverend Father" Mario Rossini, Roman Catholic priest, stopped buying them food and khaki uniforms, at Jaffa, and waylaid him and beat him to death. While the business of Fascism (Catholic Action) progresses satisfactorily, yet it has its little setbacks, too.

Blaming It on the "Villagers"



Mexican laws against political activities of the Hierarchy, limitation of the number of priests, etc., are now entirely ignored and things in Mexico are getting back where they were. At the village of Portezuelo the villagers had taken things in their own hands while the laws were in force, but with the return of the priests to power they are represented as lynching their church leader "to the accompaniment of tolling bells, blaring bands and exploding fire-crackers". That it was merely a priest-instigated murder is clear from the newspaper account itself which gives the entire thing dead away in the following language:

At midday Tuesday, church bells were rung [by whom?] to convoke a meeting of the faithful [to what? to whom?] in the village square. A group seized the 'Bishop' [newspaper derision], and after whipping him publicly in the church portico [at whose request?], executed him with shotguns. The village presented the appearance of a fair day during the lynching. Portezuelo authorities did nothing about the killing. [Brackets supplied]

Putting It Up to Thomas

◆ The Parish Bulletin, put out by "Reverend Father" Edward de la Peza, S.J., pastor of the Church of our Lady of Guadalupe of the Peace, Mexico City, explains how the Catholic Church got the "evidence" that Mary the mother of Jesus was translated bodily to heaven:

When Our Blessed Lady died, all the Apostles were present, except St. Thomas who got there too late. But he wanted to see where they had laid her to rest. This is how they found that her body had gone to heaven: for when the tomb was opened there were roses where they had laid her.

Every person familiar with the Scriptures will see instantly how this story was made up. The narrative of John 20: 24-29 is made to do double duty.

Roman Catholics Crying Out

◆ Judge Rutherford's world lecture spoken in the Royal Albert Hall in London and broadcast to the world at the time of the Munich crisis last September has affected both London and the country. Since then a general distribution of the lecture in printed form has been made, and the lecture has been reproduced in thousands of homes throughout the land. The Roman Catholic newspapers have woken up to the fact, and now they are getting busy.

The *Universe* cries out in large print that the church is attacked. This is perhaps their best cry, for nothing is better calculated to arouse the passions of their ignorant supporters, so readily stirred. A word from the Scriptures, used altogether wrongly, as is common with that system, that is, Jesus' saying of the church He would build, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," is put into the mouth of every Roman Catholic with the instruction that the Lord meant the Roman Catholic church with the pope at its head. But the Catholics are very touchy about their church: they do not leave its defense to Christ, the Lord. The *Universe*, backed no doubt by the local hierarchy, thinks it is time they bestirred themselves. It may be taken for granted there will be no attempt to refute the challenge Judge Rutherford has made of their falsifying the Scriptures, or of his challenge to them to bring forward their best man for a broadcast debate in which the truth or falsity of the claims could be manifest to all.—J. Hemery.

Seizures by Demons

◆ When the demons, fallen spirits impersonating the dead; seize the mind and body of Therese Neumann, Konnersreuth, Germany, every Thursday night at midnight, continuing until 1:30 the next afternoon, not only do open wounds appear in her hands and on her brow and under her heart, but during that period she is helpless and speaks in Aramaic (the language of the Savior), Latin and Hebrew, of which languages, in her natural state, she knows nothing. She is barely able to read and write.

Eleven Arrests in Nine Years

◆ The state of Vatican City has an area of about 107 acres, if memory serves correctly, and about 600 citizens. Not all of these have been caught, as there have been but eleven arrests in the last nine years. The latest crook to get nabbed is the administrator of the Vatican library. He thought he could follow the example of the higher-ups, misappropriate funds and get away with it, but he got caught.

In Self-Protection

◆ In self-protection Turkey banned instruction in the Roman Catholic religion from all her state schools, and forbids the wearing of religious garb in public.

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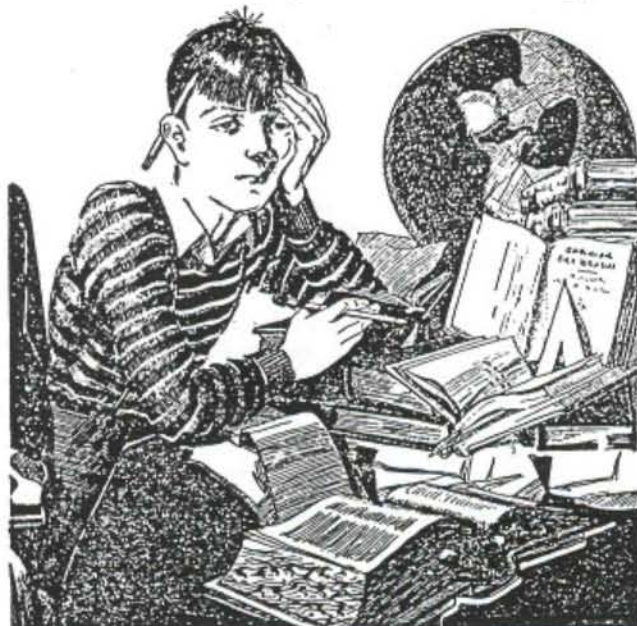
Education

Censorship

◆ Censorship will conduce to the discouragement of all learning and the stop of truth, not only by disexercising and blunting our abilities in what we know already, but by hindering and cropping the discovery that might yet be further made both in religious and civil wisdom. If the waters of truth flow not in perpetual progression, they sicken into a muddy pool of conformity and tradition.—Milton's *Areopagitica*, dated 1644.

The Wisdom of a Censor

◆ No censor is so wise that he can tell what the people ought to know. No censor, in fact, is wiser than the people; for while it is sadly true that the people are not always wise, it is even more sadly true that the censor is always a fool.—Baltimore *Evening Sun*.



Exams

Morning

◆ Silently then broke the dawn
Across the quiet slumbering dale,
Twilight shadows
Die and fade away
As the stars begin to pale.

It warned the moth, unwearied of his flight;
It touched the dewy petals
Of a solitary rose,
Its tear drop melted by a passing ray.

Then burst the morn in all its glory
As the sun then rose on high;
A lark sang praise
From a joyous heart
To His Maker in the sky.

—Murray Estep, pupil in Gates Kingdom
School, Pennsylvania.

Six Hundred Truant Boys

◆ Six hundred truant boys, taken in hand in New York city by a real educator, are developing into fine students. Starting with park trips, the boys were taught to reproduce

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jungle scenes, build a man-sized rowboat, and, after a visit to a railroad terminal, to develop a transportation project. Gradually their interest was captured and now they are back at their books and the system of dealing with them is pronounced a huge success.

Rebuilding a Farmhouse

◆ Near Netcong, N. J., twenty-five boys and girls spent their vacation rebuilding an abandoned farmhouse, patching leaky roofs, mending broken window sills, whitewashing ceilings, and otherwise making the house livable. The cost to the students was \$100 apiece for eight weeks. The house was made almost as good as new and will be occupied by two families. The work was done under the guidance of five teachers.

The Bray of a Dead Jackass

◆ I thank God, there are no free schools nor printing, and I hope we shall not have these hundred years; for learning has brought disobedience, and heresy, and sects into the world, and printing has divulged them, and libels against the best government. God keep us from them both.—Sir William Berkley, governor of Virginia, in 1619.

The Value of Liberty

◆ The rise and progress of Europe, indeed, of Western civilization, has been based in the last resort on the inviolability of the human personality and the person's practical freedom and security in the reign of law.—General Jan Christian Smuts.

Contemporary Art Denounced

◆ Dr. Sorokin, Harvard University, in an address at Washington, D.C., denounced contemporary art as sick mentally and morally, living and operating mainly in the region of social sewers, debasing itself and preparing its own downfall as a great cultural value.

Money or Barter Under Kingdom Rule?



THE International Labor Office of Geneva published some time ago details of a series of movements in different parts of the world for the exchange of goods and services by barter.

Russia, United States, Canada and the Scandinavian countries have been the prime movers, but, apart from Russia, where the movement is national, it has spread more rapidly in the United States, where the unemployed have been bartering their labor for food. Teachers, doctors, barbers and others have also offered their services for the surplus produce of the farms. [Not much in evidence in Canada or U. S. A. now for the past six years.—*Ed.*]

It is strange in these days of high finance that men are seeking what is termed the "primitive" system of barter to overcome their modern difficulties and to satisfy their wants. If barter is fit only for primitive societies (backward people), how do we account for this retrogressive movement? Is America backward, or Scandinavia primitive?

On what ground are we to suppose that barter is an inheritance of the cave men, or of the barbarians? There is, in truth, no ground except that of the evolutionist, who, in his endeavor to inculcate his monkey tricks, foists this theory on the people, planting it in textbooks and teaching it in the colleges.

Barter is much more in keeping with the minds and hearts of men than is money. Its generous principles do not give occasion for graft, sharp dealing or oppression. Far from being a relic of prehistoric times, it is the most legitimate form of trading and is governed by the highest and best principles.

Who gave us money? Consider the trail of woe that it has produced and you answer: "The Devil." In money itself there is no intrinsic value, but as a measure of value it has been a frightful weapon in the hands of the oppressor. How it has fed man's desires, corrupted his motives, and caused him to conjure the adage, "Every man has his price"!

Josephus, in his "Antiquities", sheds much light on this question of money and barter. In "Antiquities", chapter 2, we read—

"Cain introduced a change in that way of simplicity wherein men lived before and was the author of measures and weights. And

whereas they lived innocently and generously while they knew nothing of such arts, he changed the world into cunning craftiness."

After the flood of Noah's day Nimrod followed in the footsteps of Cain and, setting up a dictatorship, promulgated his teachings. The people were cornered into cities, private ownership was introduced, and money enslaved the people to an economic system of value.

Josephus clearly associates cunning craftiness with weights and measures and indicates that money as a measure of value was the medium for bringing men into bondage.

It is quite reasonable to suppose that the theories of value were unknown in the high development of barter, and that each and all were supplied with the things needful and this without distinction. That some equal service on the part of all, doubtless, was necessary, but it would be voluntarily given and without reward except a share in the fruits of labor.

Man in his original state recognized the products of the earth for all and practiced the principle of centralization of all produce to enable justice to be done in distribution. Joseph carried this principle into effect during the days of the Egyptian famine.

The indiscriminate bartering exemplified by economists is but a shadow of the real. These individual efforts commendable in themselves fell far short of the ideal, which the kingdom of Christ alone will inaugurate.

Primitive societies of degenerate peoples are offshoots of migrations from the civilizations of the past—Babylon, Egypt and Rome. All these world powers used money, yet no sooner are the peoples released from civilized power than they fall into that simple (though sometimes crude) form of exchange which Josephus describes as generous.

Economists are fond of the theory that gold came to be chosen because of its qualities after long and varied experiments with baser metals. It is not intended to dispute the qualities of gold, but to contest the assumption that through baser metals man at last found gold to be the best medium. Gold was earmarked in Eden as a precious metal, and is ranked with precious stones. It is this divine indication that induced men to seek after it, and

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from then until now it has been important in the eyes of mankind.

Today the money system has failed to satisfy the needs of the people, and men, in their efforts to escape its evils (the love of money being the root of all evil), break the bands that encircle them and resort to that simplicity which instinct rightly dictates.

Barter in its truest sense was an open, simple and generous business. There was nothing to hide, no hoarding was necessary, no accumulation of a store of value, for this would have meant class distinction.

When the Kingdom is fully under way the earth will yield her increase, want of money will not mean starvation, nor the accumulation of wealth mean power. Money, if it is used at all, will be only as a medium of exchange. As a commodity of value it will have passed away.—Frank L. Brown, London.

Whitney, Raskob and Du Pont

◆ After Whitney, ex-monarch of the New York Stock Exchange, the world is now being treated to illustrations of the high morality of the Du Ponts and Raskobs. Du Pont, chairman of the Du Pont Company, made so many millions out of the sale of munitions during the World War that he does not know what to do with them; so on his 1929 income he defrauded the government out of \$600,000, so says the government itself. Raskob, his close business associate, and one-time head of the Democratic National Committee, tried to make it a cool million. The men had a slick scheme. Each sold to the other more than \$4,000,000 of stock at the deflated prices, so that they could show losses on their income tax sheets. Then they bought back the original holdings, showing plainly that the original sales were just what the government now designates them, "pretended."

Who Should Pay the Bill?

◆ It seems that Roy Davis, of the C.I.O., thought the Ford plant should be unionized, but the Ford service men thought it should not be, and the result was that Roy had to go to the Henry Ford hospital to recuperate from the beating those apostles of liberty gave him. Finally he got well and was turned loose, but the hospital kept his false teeth to make sure he would pay the bill. He refused, and at length got back his teeth. Now the hospital wants to know who will pay the bill, Roy, Henry, the service men or the city. Meantime

Davis has sued the Ford company for \$100,000 for being beat up.

Big Idol at World's Fair

◆ The New York World's Fair, Inc., in a five-page story, announced it would have on exhibition a 60-foot image of Almighty God (now called a "tree of life"), made for it by a sculptor at South Windsor, Connecticut. That this is an idol pure and simple is perfectly clear to anybody who has a knowledge of God's Word. In the story this was disguised by the statement that "Lawrence Tenny Stevens is carving an image of the Old Testament God". The God thus described in such a patronizing way is the only God there is, and is the same One who said:

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.—Exodus 20:4, 5.

Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am [Jehovah] your God.—Leviticus 26:1.

Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves, (for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that [Jehovah] spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire,) lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image.—Deuteronomy 4:15, 16.

To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?—Isaiah 40:18.

The Nobility Racket

◆ The duke of Northumberland is vacating Alnwick castle; he is removing to a 20-room house on the estate. The heavy taxes will not allow him to continue to live in the castle, he says. It has 200 rooms and employs 100 servants in its upkeep. Death duties, paid twice in twelve years, have lowered the family coffer. But the money taken by the tax has gone to the upkeep of the government, and at least a part of it is spent in the social services of the community; which is all to the good, since the money was not earned by the duke's forebears.

Money for Smoking

◆ The Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain and Ireland made trading profits of £10,695,000 in the year ending October 31, 1938. The concern paid a dividend for the year of 25 percent tax free.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Anti-Aggression Pact

● The jostling for position in the political war now being waged in Europe keeps all the nations, large and small, in a continual state of agitation, even to anxious fear. The two nations which have set Europe in a turmoil and have forced the others, some to ally themselves with the dictators, and the others to seek mutual protection, have been well compared with the gangsters who nowadays make ruthless and murderous attacks on persons. The nations have no police force on which they may call, and they seem compelled to join together for mutual protection. The two dictators are loud in their protestations against this; both of them cry out to the world that they are men who love peace, and wish to see it established. They are as clamant in this as the pope, who tells the world that there is nothing he wishes for more than the peace of the world. Of course; all three of them are alike in this, that peace can be got at their price.

Britain has become the leader in a policy which in itself is like that of the League of Nations, now defunct. Formality as well as general policy forbids Britain and its allies to tell the dictator nations that they must be treated as gangsters, and that they are compelled to consider them outlaw nations who have no regard for the amenities or the rights of the peoples of the earth. But action must be taken, if merely on the ground of self-preservation. This is dividing the peoples. Hitler cries out that this alliance is intended as a menace, with the ulterior motive of injuring Germany—his motives are “so pure” that he professes to believe otherwise.

No one is foolish enough to think that Britain and the nations which are and may be so combined are actuated by more than a selfish desire to preserve their individual interests, though the cry of saving the world from domination by ruthless governors is raised by some, and it will be the one which will be raised as a war cry if war should break out between the dictator nations and those

compelled to take action against further aggression. To many there is an apparent danger of the destruction of liberty and of serfdom of the peoples; and though they hate war, they are giving support to the Government in its policy of trying to circumvent further aggression and of curbing the evident desire of becoming the masters of Europe.

It seems that such a pact of mutual cooperation, and agreement of defensive or even of offensive action against the disturbers, will be effected. Such pact may hinder schemes already formulated, but that the evil day of a general disruption of the nations which is feared can be avoided is impossible. For many years Judge Rutherford has voiced the message which Jehovah's witnesses carry to the ends of the earth, telling the peoples of earth that Jehovah's Day is come, the “Day of the Lord” He himself caused His prophets to foretell, in which He will judge the nations, and in which He will pour out upon them His indignation. That day commenced in 1914 and will continue till all His work in the establishment of the kingdom of righteousness is fully accomplished. It culminates in the battle of the great day of God Almighty, towards which the nations are moving, and that no matter what form of government they may have or enjoy; for all alike are opponents of the King He has set on His holy hill of Zion.—Psalm 2.

The majority of the people in Britain see that this scheme of a pact against the aggressive nations cannot be really effective if Russia is not included in it. A minority is opposed to the inclusion of Russia, for varying reasons; but the Roman Catholics are definitely opposed to Russia's inclusion, as already reported. Some are going so far as to say they will not fight if called on if that country, so definitely anti-God, is to be an ally. The apparent reluctance of the British premier to make a pact with Russia has probably been caused by pressure from the Hierarchy in Rome. The pope will not associate himself with the British lead for a pact of the non-aggressive nations; partly, of course, because of Russia, partly on general policy, and chiefly because the time of the Hierarchy at Rome has not yet come. But the pope has interested himself in the German-Polish dispute, professedly over Danzig: he is anxious that there shall not be war between these nations, for the reason that the Reich has now a Catholic population of 30,000,000 and the Poles are a Catholic people. Were there war, then Catholics would

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be fighting and killing Catholics; hence the pope's readiness to try to get settlement between Germany and Poland.

The ships of the states are in very troubled waters, and the churches and their representatives who would be pilots are being tossed about, and will be, till at last they sink in the wild storms; for there will be no cessation of the storm which has now arisen till it has done its work in the destruction of every force that tries to withstand the kingdom of God whose King is now set upon God's holy hill of Zion.

Truth Unpalatable to Some

● The message of witness for Jehovah which is going through the earth is unpalatable to all men except those of good will toward God. It is obnoxious to most of those who have money or power over their fellow men. These resent the witness that they are in a false position toward their fellows and toward God, who has not given to any man the right to rule his fellows and to hold them in slavery whether by purchase or by the compelling force of what is called "commercial enterprise". But the message is particularly obnoxious to the leaders of the religionists, and these manifest their hatred of the message and Jehovah's witnesses. These religious leaders have a kingdom of their own, and they have the same spirit as the kings of finance and of political power. Many of them are personally very rich, or their church organizations allow them to live as rich, and they take their places with the rich and powerful of the world. Like those, they also exercise rule over their fellow men: they are sharers in the evil system of oppression of man over man.

The witness of the kingdom of Christ now established by Jehovah God is a hateful thing to these leaders of religion for another reason. Big Business and big politicians get the notice of the near end of their liberty to rule men and God's earth, and if they take any notice of it they look upon it as a challenge to their position—and their liberty. But religionists see in the witness not only a notice of the end of their privileges and of their dominion, but that by it they are exposed as hypocrites and liars in the sight of God and men. They have assumed to speak for God, have claimed the right to stand between God and men. The witness does not merely call attention to the fact that their doctrines are based upon per-

versions of the Scriptures; it discloses that they have no right to the position of being His representatives—that this assumption on their part is absolutely contrary to the Scriptures, and is a deception, harmful to men and blasphemous in the sight of God.

Roman Catholics Angry

● The Roman Catholics are particularly angry about the witness. For long centuries they have stood before the world with the claim to be the representatives of God and to have the same right to speak for God as Jesus himself had when He claimed it to the Jews. Millions of people have blindly accepted the claim and have submitted themselves, and numbers of rulers, great and small, have submitted themselves to the Papacy. The Roman Catholic population of today is said to be over 300,000,000, and these believe, and the children are being taught, that only full submission to the pope can get them favor with the Creator. Now, by hundreds of millions of books and pamphlets the blasphemous claim is being exposed; its falsity proved from the Scriptures, and the publication of the truth and its acceptance by thousands is shaking that religious system to its foundations.

No other religious system has made such arrogant claims, but all have the same spirit, and almost every "priest" or ordained minister or leader expects to receive homage from those to whom he ministers (as they say) "in holy things". The spirit which moves the religious ramp is in essence the same as that of the totalitarian rulers: it is the claim to domination and submission. It is claimed that these—whether Roman Catholics or so-called "Protestants" are the kingdom of heaven, and they act or want to act as rulers of that kingdom.

The message of truth which Jehovah's witnesses carry is not of itself one of discussion of the various doctrines of the religious systems: it certainly exposes the falsity of religion, but it is the message of the Scriptures which Jehovah purposed to have spoken for Him in this His day. It is the declaration that the time is come for the establishment of that kingdom foretold by Jehovah by His prophets. Religionists declare that they and their systems represent the kingdom of God on earth; but the Bible shows that that kingdom is set up only when the King comes to His kingdom. That the faithful followers of Jesus Christ

have been and now are members of the Kingdom is clear, but there could be no Kingdom till Jehovah's day and His King set on His throne with the authority to call all men to 'kiss the Son, while yet his anger is kindled but a little'. Religionists perceive that this declaration of the truth takes their kingdom from them, and leaves them naked, and discredited, and they hate the message and the messengers. Like the rulers of other kingdoms, they will fight for theirs, and this they do with malice and with poisoned weapons.

The plain fact is that these men do not believe that Jesus comes to establish a kingdom as He said He would. They do not want that He should do so, and they take the same position towards the truth and its messengers as that of the rulers of the Jews who said of Jesus, 'This is the heir; come let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' (Matthew 21:38) Nor do the peoples of earth desire the kingdom of righteousness. Many have a disgust begotten of the religious, sickly sentimentality shown by the clergy class, and the childish worshiping of old bones and bits of wood, and the expected adulation of men; but though they turn from religion they do not wish to be turned to obedience to the will of God. They prefer the rule of evil so long as they may retain the use of their selfish ways. They are apathetic or rebellious towards the true worship of Jehovah. But these, although they care nothing for religion nor trouble themselves about the woeful conditions obtaining in the earth, will yet be found taking rank against God's King when the great day of battle comes: they will be found numbered amongst the enemies of God and Christ.

But thousands of men of good will are seeing the light and are accepting the truth and are taking their place as active co-operators with Jehovah's witnesses.

National and Local Debts

● In the House of Commons a member called attention to the very heavy weight of debts in which Britain is already involved. He said that on March 31, 1938, the net total of dead-weight National Debt was £8,026,000,000 and in the last year for which figures are available, that is, 1935-36, the gross loan debt of local authorities was £1,451,000,000. So we have in round figures a combined national and local government debt of £9,500,000,000. The total national expenditure of the country is £1,266,-

000,000, and the total local government expenditure on revenue and capital is £567,000,000. That is a grand total of £1,833,000,000 for the year.

As was to be expected, the Government's rearmament spending is bringing down the number of the unemployed; the last published figures show a substantial reduction. This is, of course, to the good of the working class—to use a common but not very happy description of those whose means of supporting life depends upon employment by others, and of whom many must use more brain power in their work than those who "employ" them. It is also good in the general interests of trade, whatever effect it may have on the general prosperity of the country. The chancellor of the exchequer, in his budget, made provision for the expending during the year of no less than £1,250,000,000, and for borrowing a further £300,000,000. The circulation of all this money must create business and trade, and to that extent give a semblance of prosperity. The social services of the country took nearly 30 percent of the previous budget of over £900,000,000; the other part was taken up by the cost of "defense" of the country and by the expenses of running this great business concern. It seems probable that there will be an endeavor to lessen the cost of the social services, while that of the civil service will increase with the need for employing a still greater army of government employees to keep pace with the rapidly increasing Government departments. Britain in theory is a democratic nation, and it is that in so far as any Government can be turned out of office by the votes of the people. In actual fact it is governed by the Cabinet, and, as at the present, by the ideas and purpose of its chief representative, the prime minister; also in its executive it is in submission to the bureaucratic ministries which Parliament in its wisdom has set up, and which act with the authority of Parliament, and act, it is often complained, in a very arbitrary manner. The whole tendency of the government of Britain is towards the Fascist form, and it is evident that there are many persons who have wealth and position who favor it, and who would make Parliament the servant of the Government, merely to confirm what has already been decided. In the ordinary way there would be many a rumpus before this could happen; but circumstances lead toward it, and the Devil drives, and Britain is surely in for bondage.

United States of America

Offices Cluttered with Relatives



Ten Republicans and 21 Democrats in Congress have clerks in their offices at Washington that bear the same names as themselves. Take a look at the names, so you can see which "statesmen" clutter their offices with relatives: Allen, Bulwinkle, Casey, Crosser, Crowther, Dickstein, Fernandez, Fulmer, Guyer, Grant, Hawks, Jarman, Johnson, Kee, McAndrews, McKeough, Mason, May, Murdock, Pierce, Plumley, Rabaut, Rankin, Routzohn, Schafer, Schwert, Simpson, Smith, Tarver, Tolan, and Williams. In the above list Representative Fernandez, of Louisiana, was so well pleased with his name that his two clerks bear the same name as himself. His clerk John D. Fernandez gets \$350.56 per month, which is the most paid to any clerk in the lot, while his clerk Viola Fernandez gets \$100 a month.

Associate Justice Douglas

◆ The appointment of William O. Douglas to become an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, at the age of 40,

is perhaps one of President Roosevelt's best appointments. Douglas was in turn newsboy, farm hand, junk dealer, janitor, tutor, laundryman for himself and others at college, and landed in New York from the west with \$6 in his pocket. He tutored his way through Columbia Law School, finishing second in his class, and at the time of entering political life at Washington was Sterling Professor of Law at Yale University. He is the youngest man to sit on the Supreme Court tribunal in more than a hundred years.

Edna Spread It On Too Thick

◆ Edna Wallace Hopper wanted to sell her cold cream; so she advertised, "I am past sixty, yet boys, scarcely above college age, often try to flirt with me." Thereupon the Federal Trade Commission, which is always taking the joy out of life for somebody, declared that the statement is untrue. That leaves Edna with people believing her statements about her age and not believing her statements about her cold cream. Edna's mamma should have taught her better, seems to be the lesson.

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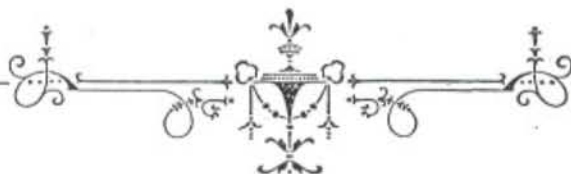
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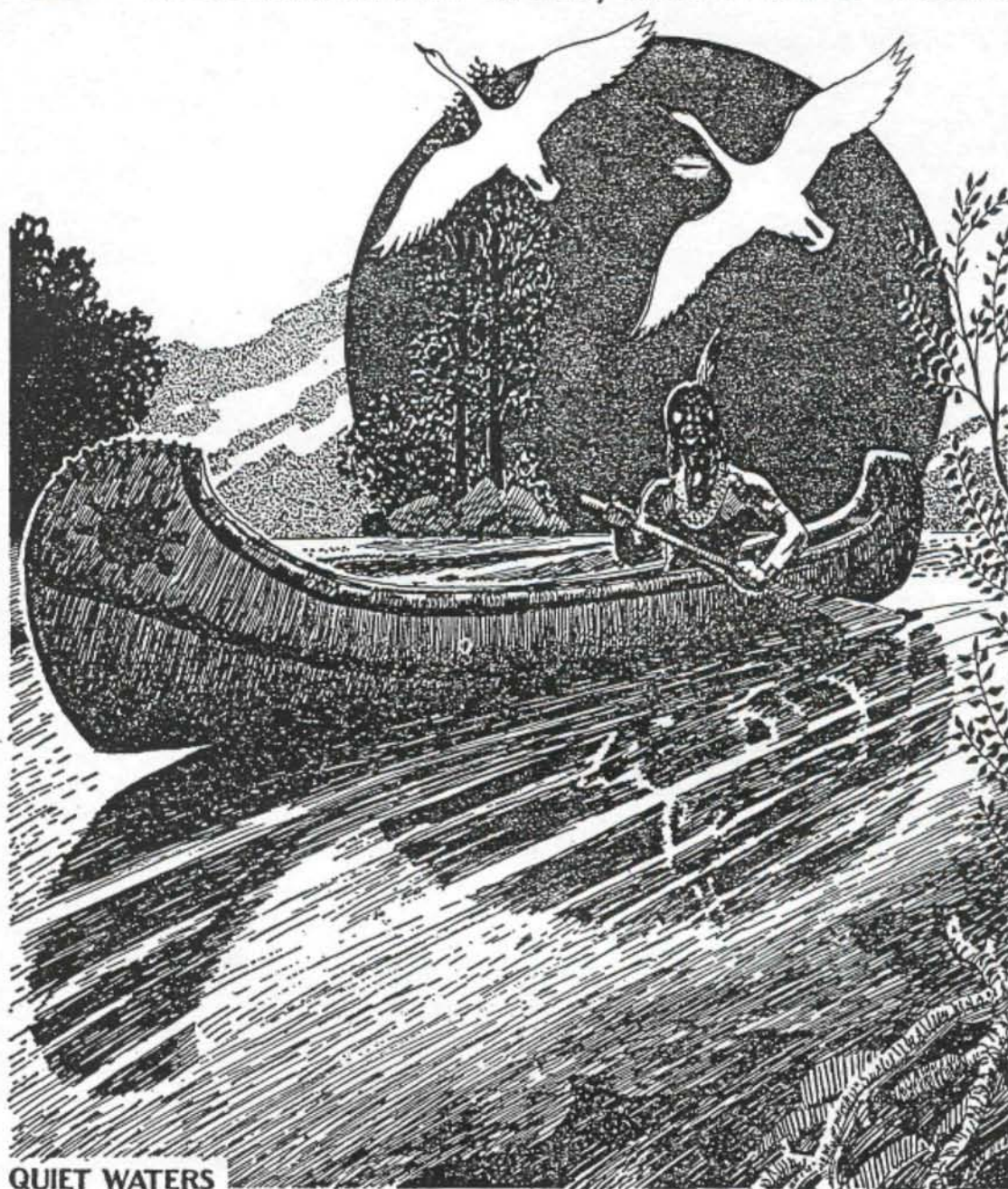
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Appetizers

Not Likely



Henpeck (who has just overheard his wife scolding the maid)—You and I both seem to be in the same unfortunate position, Jane.

Maid—Not likely! I'm giving her a week's notice tomorrow.—*Stray Stories Magazine.*

Advice on Ornithology

Bookworm: Can you help me to select a good book?

Librarian: Here is a good one about a cardinal.

Bookworm: No, I am not interested in religion.

Librarian: But this is a bird.

Bookworm: No, thanks; I am not interested in his private life, either.

Holy Water from Lourdes

An old woman at the Ulster frontier was asked if she had anything to declare. "No, nothing at all." "But what was in the bottle?" "Oh, only holy water; holy water from Lourdes." The customs officer pulled the cork. "Whisky it is," said he. "Glory to God!" cried the old woman; "a miracle!"—*The Countryman.*

Reasonable Caution

Young Mac—Father, I have to have an atlas for school.

Old Mac—Ah, weel, ye'd better wait till the war'ld's mair settled.—*Labor Herald.*

Better Take a Look

The new 200-inch telescope at Mt. Palomar will soon be ready. A peep through it is recommended for dictators who have the notion they control the universe.

The Better Hole

Landlord: What do you think of the house as a whole?

Man viewing it: As a hole it's all right, but as a house it's awful.—*London Courier.*

It Happens Every Day

A train conductor is one of the few men who can tell a woman where to get off and get away with it.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A.R.V.

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Sadism Über Alles

Women in Nazi Germany



HOW many do know that there are women's concentration camps in Nazi Germany?

Yes... indeed they are there and the writer met a recent arrival from Nazi Germany, a woman, who had spent no fewer than eleven months in such a camp in addition to being confined three months in various Nazi prisons.

The veracity of her story is confirmed by documents issued by the German government attesting to her confinement and final dismissal for lack of evidence.

Part of the experiences which this lady—she is above middle age and a grandmother—has detailed in a lengthy essay read as follows:

I was arrested after my return from Holland by the Gestapo police. They accused me of having smuggled German currency out of the country and of carrying on an atrocity campaign while staying there with my Dutch relatives.

There was, of course, not the slightest evidence to support this accusation, nor was there any reason why I should be so foolish as to speak against Germany when I had to return there.

Yet I was kept for three months in solitary confinement in the Ett-strasse and the Stadelheim prison in Munich before the authorities decided to send me to the concentration camp of Lichtenburg, Saxony. The trip there took a week. I was locked in with two other women prisoners, one of whom was a member of the Society of Serious Bible Students [Jehovah's witnesses]. They do not believe in giving the Hitler salute. She had already served six months in a prison and was now on her way

to the same camp as I was destined. The air in this small prison railroad-compartment, which was designed to hold but one person, was terrible. We were treated as if we were the worst sort of criminals. All of us were handcuffed. When we finally arrived in Lichtenburg we had become a group of eight women gathered from all parts of Germany.

Lichtenburg is a medieval castle, occupied at one time by King Henry the Strong. The room to which we were assigned formed part of this castle. It was far too large to be heated, and during the ensuing winter months many of us women suffered seriously from the severe cold. It housed Jewish prisoners only.

There was a shortage of prison outfits. We had to wear our own clothes during the first months. As all the work in the camp had to be done by us, these clothes were torn to shreds within a few weeks. One of the prisoners had been arrested in a sun-bath and had come into the camp dressed in nothing but a bathing suit. The few rags she wore had been given her by the fellow prisoners. All the menial labor, such as the cleaning of toilets of the camp, was assigned to the Jewish prisoners.

1000 INMATES

All together there were at the time about 1000 women in the camp... 150 Jewish prisoners, about 300 members of the Society of Serious Bible Students, about 200 political gentile prisoners and several hundred criminal prisoners who, after serving their prison sentences, were ordered to do additional time for the purpose of "re-education". We Jewish prisoners were not beaten, though the women camp-guards seemed to take a sadistic delight in heaping abuse and insults on our group. The age of prisoners ranged from fifteen years up to seventy.

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SERIOUS BIBLE STUDENTS

Terrible was the lot of the Serious Bible Students. However, they were a brave people, who bore their fate patiently. Though the gentile prisoners were forbidden to talk to us, these women never observed this regulation. They prayed for us as if we belonged to their family, and begged us to hold out fortitudinously and asserted that God would not desert us.

When Hitler made two speeches during the fall all camp prisoners with the exception of the Jews had to gather in the prison-yard and listen in. Among them was this group of Bible Students. Yet, when it came to lift up their hands in salute and to sing the Horst Wessel song they refused to do so. For this they were beaten with rubber truncheons and afterwards sprayed with water issuing from a fire-hose . . . at a time when bitter cold weather prevailed. In addition they were blinded by huge searchlights. For two weeks they were not permitted to do any handicraft work, while general work was denied to them for even a longer period. Besides this punishment they were detailed to special arrest, which meant that for three days a week they received but one meal a day . . . consisting of "Ersatz" coffee and a piece of bread in the morning. Only every fourth day they were given two additional meals, and allowed to enjoy a walk in the prison yard.

DARK CELLS

Several were put into so-called "dark cells". These were dungeons from which all light could be shut off. The "bed" there consisted

of a bag of straw. Only every fourth day was daylight permitted to penetrate into these cells.

This is bestial when one considers that these individuals really had committed no crime whatsoever and were anything but criminals.

The cries of these women when they were beaten up in their cells were horrifying and shall forever remain in my memory.

What made us feel more depressed was that there was nothing that we could do for them and writing to the outside world was out of the question, of course.

None of these women prisoners will ever emerge from camp alive, unless they desist in their attitude.

During the winter, ice formed on the damp stone walls of our dormitory. None of the windows in the room would shut, and as a consequence many of the women suffered from frost bite.

An epidemic of dysentery swept the camp at one time, caused by impure water and mildewed bread.

At another time influenza broke out among the prisoners.

The entire castle was fortified by a netting of barbed wire charged with a high voltage of electricity.

The women guards were canailles of the lowest order. Four of them were dismissed on charges of Lesbianism and drunkenness.

One of the most sadistic ones, who delighted in telling us Jewish women that we should all be lined up in front of a prison wall and shot, was caught stealing money from the prison till, while another one was accused of sending information to France.—Reprinted from June, 1939, issue of *The Idealist* (New York).

The Pogrom of November 10, 1938



"BERLIN: The whole campaign had been prepared by the authorities three to four weeks beforehand. All Jews had been ordered to appear on certain days at the police stations according to the alphabetical order of their names. They were to bring with them any weapons they might still possess. In those days you could see long rows of Jews standing in the police stations in order to hand over all firearms, fencing weapons, swords, etc. The arms had to be handed over irrespective of whether the owners possessed a license for

carrying arms or not. It is fairly obvious that this action was intended to prevent any resistance to the destruction and pillage which was planned for the future. The decree of Himmler asking all Jews to hand over their weapons was issued only after the pogrom had started. It was publicly announced shortly afterwards that many weapons had been confiscated from the Jews.

"A further measure in preparation for the events which were to follow was that all Jewish shops were marked months before, whilst previously it was sufficient for Aryan shops

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to be distinguished by exhibiting the posters of the Labor Front. The new regulation demanded that every second shop window of a Jewish shop was to have the full first names of the owners in oil-color and in letters which were to be at least 20 centimeters large and painted on the windows at eye level. In some districts where the measures were carried through with particular strictness, for instance in the Schoenhauser Allee, the Jewish first names of Israel or Sara had to be added to the other first names under all circumstances.

In Hindenburg

"In Hindenburg the SA did not take part in the pogrom; SS men only were responsible for carrying it out. The SA is not reliable enough. Its members have stolen too much when they drove the Polish Jews across the frontier. The signal for the pogrom was given at 11 o'clock at night and the police were told at the same time not to interfere except to keep away the 'curious public'. About 4 o'clock in the morning the inhabitants were awakened by a forceful detonation near the synagogue, and shortly after the synagogue was on fire. SS troops came on scene, police and fire-brigades turned up as well. The fire-brigade restricted its activity to protecting the buildings in the neighborhood. Shortly after the flames burst out of the building—that was on November 9 at about 5 o'clock in the morning—district leader Jonas came along to tell the police that no one was to be admitted to the place of the fire. The police thereupon drove all spectators away who had assembled outside the burning building and arrested a few people who had passed critical remarks. In the meantime flats and shops belonging to Jews had also been demolished. At about 8 o'clock in the morning prisoners under the charge of their wardens appeared on the place where the synagogue had been burnt down. Carriages belonging to the magistrates were also there. The work of clearing up was started at once. The walls of the synagogue which were still standing were pulled down by the members of the Hitler Youth by means of hand grenades and dynamite. A convoy of Jewish boys and girls was then brought to the place, who had to sort out the metal from dirt and ashes and walls and to clean it. Then it was loaded onto a police car which was waiting to take it away.

"Whilst the Hindenburg synagogue was still

burning, troops of 4 or 6 SS men marched to Jewish firms, first to the glass works and then to the large porcelain works of Eisners which were destroyed. Usually two SS men went together with a policeman to the private flat of the owner to ask for the key of the shop. Then the shop was 'finished off' and afterwards the private dwelling had a turn. All reports say that as a rule not a single article remained unbroken. Carpets and clothes, mattresses and blankets were torn into pieces and cut up. In other words, everything was destroyed and demolished. Thus the work of destruction went on and street after street was worked through. About 40 different departments of the SS were probably engaged in this action.

"Only one clothing shop, owned by Himmelfaerb, did not fall into the hands of the barbarians, because when handing over the keys the owner declared he would give his whole business to the Winter Relief Fund. A short time afterwards a lorry arrived from a large foundry to fetch the clothes, which had a value of about 85,000 marks, for the winter relief center. In the Dorotheenstrasse at Hindenburg some SS men entered the house of an old Jewess of 83 years of age and took away from her the last 10 marks she had in her possession. They also demolished her furniture in room and kitchen, leaving nothing unbroken.

"Third Report: We have learnt from reliable sources that 114 people had to appear before the Hindenburg police on November 9 and 10, charged with having criticized the pogroms.

In Danzig

"Danzig: In Danzig-Langfuhr six people invaded the synagogue in the afternoon of November 10. Four of them were in SA or Hitler Youth uniform. All the six of them carried axes, hatchets, and other tools with them. They left the doors wide open. Outside the synagogue a policeman stood on guard. The six men started to evacuate the place first. Gowns were seized and prayer books thrown onto the streets. Then they started cutting the pew with their axes. Soon spectators assembled, especially children, many in Hitler Youth uniforms, who began to play football with the prayer books, to tear them in pieces or to take them away. From the ranks of the adult public there were cries of protest against the action of the children, and critical remarks about the whole pogrom followed.

"Thereupon the policeman who was appar-

ently embarrassed himself asked the people to go away. To the six Nazi bandits he said in a loud voice: 'Now hurry up, get the thing done.' Then he closed the door to the synagogue and left the Nazis to their work of destruction. Shortly afterwards another and larger troop of Nazis arrived and rushed into the synagogue, shouting and howling. You could hear that things were becoming more lively inside. Ten minutes later the men came out again. Some of them carried large, heavy sacks on their backs, whilst others had chandeliers, goblets and silver articles in their hands. The organ was carried away on a big handcart. On the market place in Langfuhr, a short distance away from the synagogue, the Horst Wessel song and the Deutschland song were played on the organ. When the Nazis had finished and moved away in the direction of the market four police officials arrived on the spot who asked the people who stood about to move on. The synagogue in Langfuhr was not set on fire."—English issue of the *Deutschland-Berichte*.

In Cardinal Faulhaber's city, Munich, which, so it happens, is the place where the four "statesmen" (?) ruined Czechoslovakia, there was one week in November when a Jew could not legally buy anything at all. Afterwards, Jews could purchase, but only from Jews. In Nuremberg, the same week, all the Jews in the city were rounded up and compelled to turn their property over to the "Labor Front".

The way in which political gangsters plan murders is shown by an article in the *Schwarze Korps*, official newspaper of the Nazi Black-shirts. Therein the plan is announced of making the wealthy German Jews support the poor until all become destitute. No means of a livelihood is to be provided for them, and thus they will be forced to become criminals, and as criminals they will be exterminated.

To avoid concentration camps the Jews of Danzig were compelled to meet in convention and solemnly propose their own removal from a city where they have lived for six hundred years. If they would thus, apparently of their own choice and volition, seek expulsion from their homes and businesses they would be allowed to take a portion of their savings with them, \$20 at the most.

Suppose a Jew in Germany has a fortune of \$100,000, and wishes to leave the country. \$25,000 goes as a flight tax, \$20,000 toward payment of the fine levied for the slaughter

of vom Rath (which slaughter the Paris police insist was arranged by the Nazis themselves), \$15,000 goes for a fund to help other Jews get out of the country, and of the \$40,000 remaining the Jew gets only 8 pfennige on the mark, or \$3,200, and must take that in German goods.

Foresight and Efficiency



German foresight and efficiency were remarkably manifest in the great pogrom. Not only did the government know beforehand what would be done, but police and firemen were officially notified not to interfere. At Dachau concentration camp uniforms had been prepared long before the slaying of vom Rath, with the certainty that they would be needed. One of the achievements was the raiding of a Jewish tuberculosis hospital at midnight, when the weather was down nearly to zero, and the driving of the patients out into the cold and dark with nowhere to go. Sledgehammers and crowbars were used to break X-ray machines and oculist apparatus. Driven from their homes in a village, two elderly women walked twenty-four hours to find a place of refuge. It was a great triumph for Hitler, the Impotent.

The world's most brazen burglar, on February 23, ordered all German or stateless Jews to hand over all their silver knives, forks and spoons, gold, platinum, diamonds, pearls and other precious stones within two weeks. In this instance the hold-up man threatened fines or imprisonment with hard labor up to ten years for failure to fork over the loot within the specified time. Moreover, Jews of German citizenship outside of Germany were included in the demand.

An unexampled meanness is that of the German government which condoned or, at any rate, could not suppress the wholesale looting and damage to Jewish property in Germany after the vom Rath murder in Paris, and then compelled the Jewish people themselves to pay for the damage done—to save the insurance companies. The gangster methods used to terrorize and exterminate the Jews would be used against any and every other people that might come within the orbit of the Nazi party's influence. *Mein Kampf* tells all about it, and six years of history have illustrated the success of the devilish methods advocated by this beastly ruffian.

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World-wide Convention Centering in New York

THE world-wide convention of Jehovah's witnesses centering in New York city June 23-25, 1939, one of the most important assemblies ever held, had three principal features: (a) Judge Rutherford's address on "Victory", open to all, broadcast over the planet; (b) the public address on "Government and Peace" to an audience that packed the great Madison Square Garden to the roof with 18,000 listeners, also broadcast to all parts of the world; (c) the first presentation of the book *Salvation*, guide to truth and life for the Jonadabs, who hope to escape Armageddon. Both addresses were gentle, powerful, wise, Scriptural, convincing and unanswerable. The book *Salvation* is a marvel.

The first sessions were held in Manhattan Center; its seating capacity of 9,000 was fully taken up at the first session; thereafter conventioners had to come early to find seats.

The entire program went through without a hitch, reports in the Rome-controlled press to the contrary notwithstanding. There are no other people as peaceable as the followers of the Prince of Peace—whose business was His Father's business as much on the day when He cleansed the temple as on the day when He preached the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus was a man, not a sissy.

Jehovah's people filled Madison Square Garden without expending one cent for newspaper advertising, yet the Roman Catholic Hierarchy only *half* filled it when they made their drive against the Spanish Republic. Very likely many such hoped that the Garden would be half empty for the big meeting of Jehovah's witnesses. They counted wrong.

From June 10 to June 24 thousands upon thousands of Jehovah's witnesses engaged in information marches in Greater New York. All business centers were visited repeatedly, so that all New Yorkers, besides countless thousands of visitors to the metropolis, knew of their privilege to visit Madison Square Garden at 4:00 P.M. Sunday, June 25, and hear Judge Rutherford lecture on "Government and Peace".

Plot to Stop Lecture

It seems clear that there was a definite plot to stop the lecture. This writer, along with thousands of other persons, could not fail to note that one of the top sections of the balcony,

the one immediately behind the speaker, was not opened to the public until long after all the rest of the building was filled and the speaker had begun his address.

Among these last-comers there were some innocent colored people of good will, but there were also about 500 followers of the "Reverend Father" Charles E. Coughlin who had boasted elsewhere that they would break up this meeting. These, along with two priests, came into this area almost at one time.

There was no smoking elsewhere in the auditorium, but eighteen minutes after the discourse began one man to the left front in this crowd lit a cigarette, and then another to the right front lit one; then the electric lights in this section only were blinked, and then in this one section only there were booings, screams and catcalls. The disturbers were soon ejected.

The police sometimes have 2,000 of the force to preserve order at a prize fight, but told Jehovah's witnesses they would have to preserve order themselves; they did. Rotten eggs were brought in to throw at the speaker. One of them hit the platform, but did no damage.

"Newspapers" Do Their Worst

Newspapers and radio commentators vied with one another to see who could tell the biggest lies, so as to stand in with the Hierarchy, and roast Jehovah's witnesses. The Buffalo *Courier Express* had the following beauties:

Many hundreds of screaming men and women struck and pulled at one another as rioting swept a crowd of 18,000 in Madison Square Garden. . . . The trouble started in the top balcony and quickly spread throughout the great crowd.

Every one of the 18,000 persons present knows these statements are lies.

A subscriber for the ancient and one-time respectable New York *Herald-Tribune* wrote, in substance, to the editor of that paper that if its reporter of the Madison Square Garden meeting is working for the Hierarchy he should have his wages raised, but if he is working for the *Herald-Tribune* he should be fired.

Cablegrams from Brazil, Canada, Denmark, England, India, Ireland, Latvia, Honolulu, Lithuania, New South Wales, Norway, Scotland, South Africa, Straits Settlements, Switzerland, Trinidad, and West Australia, as well as telegrams from all over the United States, showed excellent reception and tremendous interest everywhere.

New England

The Salute Business

◆ We have a big Statue of Liberty down in New York harbor to weep at when we come back from a tour of Europe. The American flag is supposed to be an emblem of liberty. If the American people are sitting down when they see the American flag they bound up into the air as if stabbed in the seat with a pin. If they are standing up when they see the flag they raise their hats, being unable to go up into the air in any other way. Just who told the American people to do this, we do not know, as nothing was said about it in the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution of the United States.

Our best guess is that the whole business was started by some emigrant that just came over from some country where he had to salute, salaam or kowtow to some dictator. If this surmise is correct, it is lucky for the American people that the fellow didn't stand on his head.

Up in Danbury, Conn., ever since we can remember, a picture of the American flag has been shown in the theaters at the beginning of each performance. The audience bounds up into the air with a groan, at the sight of it, and subsides with a gulp when it disappears.

What would happen if they had to stand on their heads? It would be a calamity in close quarters like that. Even the business of standing up causes audible groans from people afflicted with rheumatism, falling arches, corns or a hard day's work in the factories. What these people say doesn't sound as much like an ovation as it does like a curse, when it isn't drowned out by the roar of falling whiskey flasks and contents of ladies' handbags.

Wouldn't it be possible to change this salute to the flag to some movement less strenuous and still show our patriotism? Let us say we would limit the movement to merely raising the eyebrows or sticking out the tongue. A citizen would certainly feel more patriotic sticking out his tongue at the flag than he would by standing on his fallen arches.

As it is, we think the theaters make a big mistake showing the flag at the beginning, instead of at the end of the performance. Most of the older people attend theaters to relax, rest or sleep after a hard day's work. If the flag raising were held at the end of the performance, these people would be rested and

they could stand up, put on their hats and walk out all in one operation. It is a peculiar thing about saluting the flag, that some flags get saluted and some don't. On patriotic holidays, with the streets decorated with flags, it is important to remember this.

Any person that went along the street saluting all of the flags would be hauled in by the police and tested for drunkenness or insanity. Unfortunately, there is no rule to show which flag to salute and which one to ignore.

The safest thing to do is to watch the fellow next to you, out of the corner of your eye, and if he salutes, you salute. That is to make sure he doesn't knock your hat off or punch the back of your neck. If you are going to be a patriot you might as well be a safe one.

As we said in the beginning, the American flag is the emblem of liberty. Liberty is anything you can do without getting a license or being put in jail. Now, you have to get a license to practice medicine, drive a car, fix the sink, cut hair, build a house, sell real estate, prune trees, keep boarders, sell rum, run a store, repair automobiles, catch fish, go hunting, keep a dog, and so forth. The final salute to liberty will come just before you have to get a license to breathe. After that you will salute the fellow that can holler the loudest.—H. J. Wiley, in the *Bridgeport Post*.

Why Must Hitler Be Aped?

◆ To the manager of the Strand Theater, Waterbury, Conn.: Have been attending at the Strand for many years in peace and comfort, but, to my surprise, the other day the American flag in pretty colors was flashed on the screen and all patrons jumped to their feet. I almost thought I was in a foreign country and expected hands to be extended in salutation. Has our country come to this, that we must imitate countries that are run by dictators? It seems a shame.—Anonymous Patron.

1,640 Miles of Lumber

◆ If the timber blown down in the New England hurricane could all be sawn into lumber it would make a train 1,640 miles long. The attempt to salvage this timber is one of the biggest sawmill jobs ever undertaken, and means busy times in New England throughout the present year.

New Jersey

Why the Trust Company Failed



The New Jersey Title Guarantee & Trust Company failed because of the depression in Jersey City real estate values, owing to the mismanagement of Frank Hague. During his dictatorship the Jersey City tax rate tripled, assessments doubled, the city budget went up 450 percent, the city debt 500 percent, and the debt service charges 725 percent. Borrowers on real estate could not pay their interest, the Trust Company had to take over their real estate holdings, and nobody today wants to buy real estate in a city run by Frank Hague, the most expensively-run city of its size in the whole world.

Scientific Kidding of the Jitterbug

♦ The poison apparently is carried to all parts of the body by the bloodstream and seems to affect certain of the endocrine glands, notably the adrenal and parathyroid.

The stimulation of the adrenals results in unusual strength, daring and endurance, characteristic of the symptoms of this malady. The stimulation of the parathyroid gland results in excessive nervous activity, as is shown by the jittery convulsions and paroxysms of the body. This condition bears some resemblance to the advanced stages of the disease commonly known as St. Vitus's Dance.

One hopeful observation I have made is that the disease is rarely fatal. Most victims seem able gradually to throw off the poison, although this may take several years.

During the height of the disturbances, however, the effects generally are detrimental. Most afflicted individuals seem entirely unable to concentrate for any appreciable length of time on their studies. As a result, these folks grow to maturity with pitifully undeveloped mentalities. Peculiarly enough, the bodily development seems none the worse for this toxic condition. On the contrary, the muscles, especially in the back, legs and arms, usually are firm and well developed.

The agonizing contortions and unintelligible exclamations, the latter being evidently secondary effects, produce a heart-rending effect upon the victims' parents and elderly relatives.—Prof. Clifford H. Coles, head of the Science department at Bergen (N. J.) Junior College.

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Want to Get Beaten Up?

♦ Want to get beaten up? Go to Hoboken, N. J., realm of Boss McFeely, and get a police permit to exercise the right of free speech. Then say something uncomplimentary about the McFeely gang. At this point you get beaten up, while the police wait until the beaters-up have done a good job. Then the police arrest you, not the beaters-up, and before Judge Frank Romano the police admit they made no effort to arrest the beaters-up. Then Romano convicts you of what you are supposed to be guilty of, that is, of being beaten up for exercising your right of free speech, and all is well. This happened to Herman Matson, and might happen to you or any other law-abiding citizen in Hoboken.

Free Speech in Hoboken

♦ Further details in the Herman Matson case indicate that he was beaten up by eight "brave" men, none of whom the Hoboken police thought it worth while to arrest, but they arrested Matson. Matson's wife was also beaten up and suffered a miscarriage. The police were not interested in that. Judge Romano held Matson under \$5,000 bail and refused to take bedside testimony from Mrs. Matson. Some dump, some police, some judge. The Supreme Court has now decided that New Jersey is still subject to the Constitution, a hard blow to Hague and his Hierarchy backers.

Jersey City Police Rebuked

♦ Jersey City police were rebuked by a court order for interfering in labor matters. They entered a plant and escorted out of it a worker, previously employed there, who returned to work during a strike. The court said:

It is not the business of the police to settle a strike, but to remain impartial and to see to it that there is no rioting or breach of the peace.

A Good Place to Start

♦ The *Hudson Dispatch*, published at Union City, N. J., just across the street from Jersey City, says of perjury in the United States, and of New Jersey:

Lying under oath has become a terrible fester in the make-up of the people of this country. Truth has taken a seat so far in the background that, in ever so many cases, it is not even considered.

Palestine

The Dimensions of Hell



Fahed J. Asfour, Palestine, writes that one of the journals there published the information, attributed to Archbishop Germanicus Farahat, that hell is a dark place in the bowels of the earth, full of fire, sulphur, devils, sinners and atheists, with dimensions 200 miles each way, length, width and height, and that this interesting spot is sunk 3,000 miles beneath the surface of the earth. Then Salim Effendi Sarkis wrote Amin Effendi Sarkis, prominent Freemason, and the "Reverend Father" Shekho, Catholic priest, to know if the dimensions are reliable, and Shekho says the dimensions are not adequate; the place must be bigger, to hold all the persons the church has damned and excommunicated. Asfour writes now and wants the facts. All right, Fahed, here they are. The ordinary grave is usually dug about four feet wide, eight feet long and six feet deep. And that is hell. Hell is the grave and the grave is hell. If you have a Bible with marginal readings, look up the translations and the marginal comments of the following Scriptures and you will see that the translators acknowledge this to be the truth: Psalms 49: 15; 55: 15; 86: 13; Isaiah 14: 9; Jonah 2: 2; 1 Corinthians 15: 55; Revelation 20: 13.

Palestine the Only Land

◆ Palestine is the only land to which some 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 Jews can now look in which to escape death, misery or humiliation, and even that has its drawbacks. The Arabs have slain more than 170 Jewish immigrants, and the mandatory power, Great Britain, is stifling further immigration; so the Jews have a hard outlook. Only 10,536 Jews were registered as immigrants into Palestine in 1937, one-third of them from Germany.

Intolerable Conditions in Palestine

◆ Despite the fact that the British Government has given Palestine the best rule it has had for centuries, and the Arab citizens have had the greatest prosperity they have ever experienced, their rebellion caused 2,458 casualties in the last four months of 1938, and makes it seem as if the only good Arab is a dead Arab. In two years preceding this last outburst there were 2,047 more casualties.

The Conference on Palestine

◆ Probably few conferences on international affairs were ever conducted under more difficult conditions than the five-cornered conferences on Palestine, held in London in early 1939. First there were the Jews, who still think Britain should adhere to the Balfour Declaration, "which pledged to the Jewish people the establishment of the Jewish national homeland," and who are convinced, in the words of Churchill, that "it is essential that the Jewish people should know that it is in Palestine as of right and not on sufferance". The Jews point out that the British pledge brought 400,000 men and women and over half a billion dollars to the Holy Land and that they do not regard the promises made to them as a political joke.

Then there are two kinds of Arabs, the Husseini (ex-Mufti) and the Nashashibi, that will not even sit at the same conference table with each other, much less with any Jew. Then there are the partitionists, who want Palestine split between the Jews and Arabs, to which neither the Jews nor any of the Arabs will agree. Then there is the League of Nations, that awarded the Palestine mandate to Britain; and then there is Uncle Sam, who demands that there be no change in the terms of the mandate without consulting him; and finally there is Britain, which does not now want the mandate, but does not want anybody else to exercise it. Meantime murders in Palestine move along at a steady rate of about 4 a day, and Italy and Germany are cheerfully doing all they can to make all the trouble possible. It is a fine situation for a real statesman to meet, and there do not seem to be any of them around. Moreover, the old methods of lying, evasion, trickery and deceit do not seem to work any more.

Settlements Built in a Day

◆ In Palestine agricultural settlements are now built in a single day. The site having been previously selected, and the parts made ready for assembly, the lorries leave for it at 6:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. three sides of the bullet-proof wall around the settlement are in position. At noon the skeleton watch tower is up; at 2:00 the entire city wall is finished; at 5:00 the buildings are in place and the settlers enjoy a meal cooked in their new home.

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Doctors - Drugs - Tobacco

As to Liver Extract



At the meeting of the Southern Medical Association, held in Oklahoma City, it was gravely discussed that while liver extract seems to be a good thing in certain forms of anemia, skin diseases and liver troubles, yet, out of something like 100 substances found in the liver, nobody knows as yet which is what and who is who. Seems like sowing a handful of seeds of a hundred kinds and then hoping for a crop. If you want to continue to live, so you can pay rent or taxes, and patronize the 5- and 10-cent stores, and put on the feed bag regularly, it looks at this distance as if it would be a good idea to dodge the liver extracts until enough other people have been killed or restored to health, so you will know what it is all about.

Corpses at \$250 Each

◆ Forget the exact figures, but around 60 persons died from taking elixir of sulfanilamide put up by the Massengill Manufacturing Company, of Bristol, Virginia. The head of the concern was recently fined \$16,000 for the job. No jail sentence was imposed. Don't be in too big a hurry to put something down your neck merely because some doctor advises you to do it. You might want to use your neck thereafter and be out of luck because you did not have any to use, like Dr. Massengill's patients.

Snite's New Lung

◆ Frederick B. Snite, Jr., stricken with infantile paralysis in China in 1936, and who thereafter traveled to his home in Chicago in an iron lung which weighed 900 pounds, is now provided with a new form of lung made of aluminum and which weighs only 9½ pounds. With the new device he is able to feed himself, read a book or recline at almost any angle desired. It covers only his chest.

Want Cancer of the Lung?

◆ A new and popular disease is cancer of the lung. It is obtained by smoking and inhaling the smoke. If you want it, you know how to get it. You will appreciate this disease a whole lot more if you get it by using some of the costlier tobaccos, or some that are more widely advertised. They satisfy. Yours for more pleasure.

Public Health in the United States

◆ It has been well said that a nation's greatest asset is the health of its people. And yet, in a country as great and as wealthy as the United States, we have almost incredible medical conditions prevailing among millions of our citizens. We have 2,500,000 persons sick daily, with fully 500,000 of them never calling on physicians for expert care. We have the unbelievable situation of four out of every ten American doctors failing to keep up with scientific advances in their own fields, and we have a gross illness and death cost of ten billion dollars annually—a staggering figure that resolves itself down to \$330 for every family in the country. In short, in America today, doctors, patients and the practice of medicine are all in a mess.—Dr. Kingsley Roberts, New York surgeon and medical director of the Bureau of Co-operative Medicine, in the New York *Daily News*.

The Tobacco Slavers

◆ The tobacco slavers, ruiners of America's boys and girls, pay next to nothing to their workers, but pay themselves profits unthinkable. In Virginia and North Carolina the average earnings of families with members employed in the cigarette factories is pitifully small, but the four big cigarette manufacturers themselves cleaned up profits of \$83,449,000 in 1935. Out of every dollar collected by the cigarette manufacturers in 1935 about 2 cents went to pay the makers of the accursed things they manufacture.

It is not a pleasant item of news, but a new subscriber for *The Watchtower* told the editor that in one of the largest cigarette plants he had often seen the workers spit in the stream of tobacco as it moved along in the trough toward the wrappers.

Marihuana Cigarette Curse

◆ Cannabis sativa, hemp, hashish, marihuana, reefers, grifas, grettas, muggles, miggles, Indian hay, joy smoke and love weed are all names for the same curse now rolling over America, introduced from Mexico. The user loses all control over his behavior, may commit the most fiendish crime and have no memory of it, thinks nothing impossible, loses all sense of time and space, becomes sex-crazy, and finally develops insanity.



The Padlock Infamy

♦ To the Attorney General of the Province of Quebec.

Honored Sir:

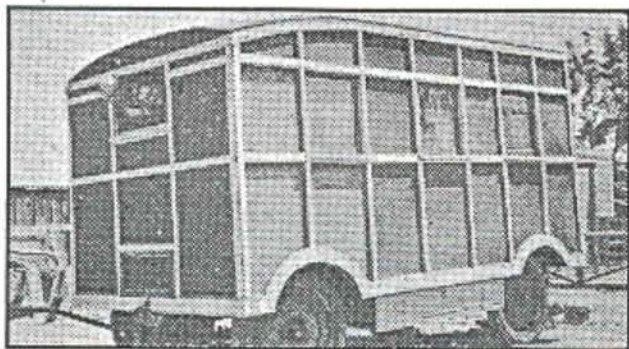
I am taking this opportunity to bring some important facts to your attention. On the 4th inst., I wrote a kindly letter to you, protesting against the sentencing to six months' imprisonment of two Christian gentlemen, Mr. J. A. Dufour and Mr. F. Lacasse, at St. Jerome, P.Q., for distributing tracts explaining their belief in the Bible. When a good man hears the cry of an animal in distress, he will go to its aid and do what he can for it. Surely a man is of more value than an animal.

Yet instead of hearkening to the Protest, your answer was to give orders to the Provincial Police to raid the home of some of Jehovah's witnesses and seize their literature. As a matter of record, I herewith quote from the *Montreal Daily Star*, for Saturday, March 25, 1939, as follows: "Papers of Sect Seized by Police." "Acting under orders from the office of the Attorney-General of the Province, Provincial Police last evening raided a dwelling at 4560 Hutchison Street and seized a quantity of literature used in promoting the Witness of Jehovah movement. The seized material included 3,000 books, 10 phonographs, 150 phonograph records, and a large number of letters and circulars, . . . all dealing with the Witness of Jehovah movement. No arrests were made, but eight persons present at the time of the raid may be summoned . . . to appear in court in a few days. The raid was carried out by Inspector Henry Beauregard and Detective Edgar Mondore of the Provincial Police, who were accompanied by Captain Griffith and Detective Goulet of the Outremont Police Force."

This raid was undoubtedly carried out in harmony with the Provisions of the Padlock Act of the Province of Quebec, and thus it has become manifest that the terms of this Act can be made the basis for religious persecution.

In this Province many of the old landmarks in a legal sense have been removed, and new ones have been substituted for them. In this Province Christian people, whose sole work is to magnify the name of Almighty God, proclaim His kingdom under Christ, warn the people of the imminence of Armageddon, and point out the sins of the religionists and the people, and tell them to amend their ways

and their doings (Jeremiah 7:2-8), are persecuted and their home raided by the order of the office of the attorney-general of this Province. True, such things have been done before in the world's history. A prophetic Biblical illustration of this is given in the 5th chapter of Daniel. While



Smiling warriors

King Cyrus the Persian was besieging the capital city of the Chaldeans, Belshazzar the king inside the city was having a great feast. During the feast the king called for the golden and silver vessels belonging to Jehovah's temple, to drink wine in them, and they were brought to him. While so doing the fingers of a man's hand appeared on the wall and wrote the fateful words, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." The meaning of that prophetic picture is this: The golden vessels of the temple are Scripturally shown to represent the "precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold" (Lamentations 4:2), that is, those who are true Christians and who have in them the spirit of God. These the world rulers in many lands are now profaning and persecuting, but at the same time the record of God's Word is that those who thus persecute God's people are 'weighed in the balances, and are found wanting'. They are wanting in Christian love, wanting in justice, wanting in mercy, and to such Christ says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. . . . Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels."—Matthew 25:40-46.

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Abimelech was a son of Gideon, and a half brother to the other sons of Gideon. He persuaded the people to make him king, and then he went and slew all his brethren, except the youngest, who escaped. Jotham, the youngest, then called to his brother and said that if he had done right in slaying his brethren, then let him rejoice in his kingdom, and let the people rejoice in him: but if not, then let fire come out and devour him and the people. (Judges 9) The curse of Jotham came true upon Abimelech.

Those who claim to be Christians are at least half brothers to the true Christians. If such act unjustly to the true Christians, will not such be required of them by God? It would be much better to remember the advice of Gamaliel: "Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."—Acts 5:38, 39.

In conclusion, I call attention to the words of God's prophet Jeremiah: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts . . . Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, are these. For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour; if ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever." (Jeremiah 7:3-7) To those who fail to amend their ways, God says, "Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, . . .

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as I have done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight."—Jeremiah 7:8-16.

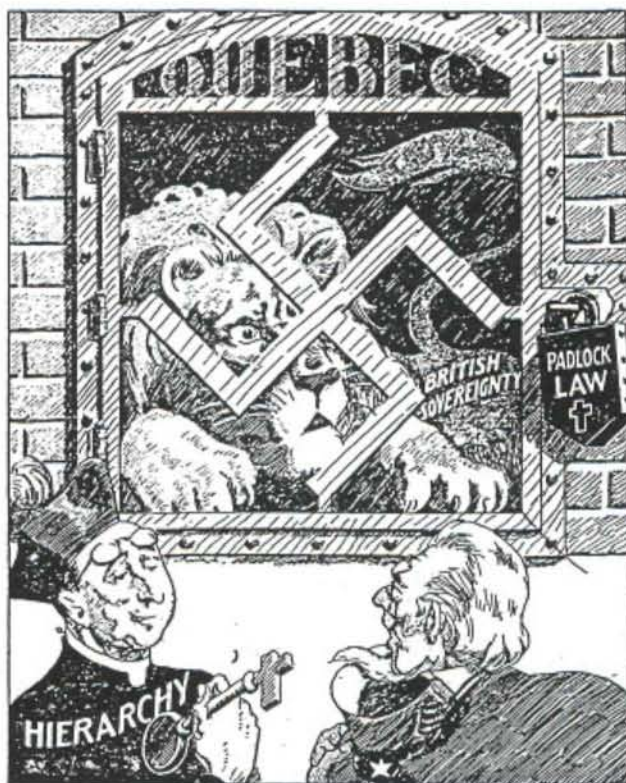
Sincerely, one of Jehovah's witnesses,
GERALD BARRY.

"Joy of the Lord" in Montreal

♦ I am so happy this morning about the way the work of Jehovah's kingdom is progressing here in Montreal. Last night I was at a service meeting, and our hall, where we formerly had but a few, was packed like a convention, because our French brethren had met with us to discuss the work. It is so encouraging to see the way the French Catholic people are grasping the truth. Bible classes are being started all around.

One French family on the outskirts of the city opened a study meeting in their home. Last Friday night they had 40 in attendance. One young man said, "I hear the Communists are holding meetings over at So-and-so's." "Oh, no," came the reply, "those are Jehovah's witnesses; they learn about Jehovah over there." So over he went.

Knowing a boy of the family, he called for him to come out on the street and talk to him, saying, "I want to know about Jehovah." "All right," said the lad, "come in"; so in he went. They talked until midnight that night. He promised to be back to the study on Friday night, and was there O.K. He obtained a Bible and some books, and, putting them under his arm, remarked on going home, "Now I am ready for the battle." Sure enough, the battle started. In a day or so his wife, who had been on a visit to her mother in the country, returned. When she heard where her hubby had been, and saw the Bible, she took the books straight to the priest, and the result was a frame-up for hubby. He was arrested and given one week in jail on the charge of hitting his wife. When the time was up he secured a



Food for thought, eh, Uncle?

bag of books, borrowed a phonograph, and since then has been witnessing right in his own neighborhood. All this happened in the last six weeks.

Another French witness was a bank manager. After he secured the literature the priest made him so much trouble because he no longer went to church that he ended up by getting into the pioneer work. Though arrested many times, he has proved faithful. At length, after his case had been put off time and again, with another witness he was given six months in jail. After his incarceration he wrote that he was being kindly treated by the governor, and that he and his comrade were also taking subscriptions. Hurrah! The "great multitude" have started to come. And are we happy?—Mary E. Warren, Montreal.

In the Informal, Breezy West

◆ In the country, not far from Cloverdale, B.C., a special pioneer called at a house and was allowed to enter after saying, "This is a message of such vital importance that everybody is entitled to hear it. Please listen to this for a few minutes." Just before the broadcast would have begun the man of the house said, "Hold on there, is that Judge Rutherford?" "Yes, it is; shall I play it?" "I should say not. Shut up that machine and get out of that door before I lose my temper; anyone who goes from door to door pilfering the public by making a racket of religion deserves the worst he gets."

"Yes, the priests certainly do that all right." With that, the man, whom his neighbors called Frank McKinnon, slapped the pioneer's left cheek.

"Are you a priest?" he was asked. "No, but I am a good Roman Catholic," was the answer.

It was explained that this message is not against the poor Catholic population, who are deceived by the "Purgatory" racket, but exposes the likes of Hitler, Franco, and Mussolini, the biggest murderers in history, and yet having the blessing of the pope. The pioneer showed him we are not Communists, as he claimed, but Communist co-operation with the

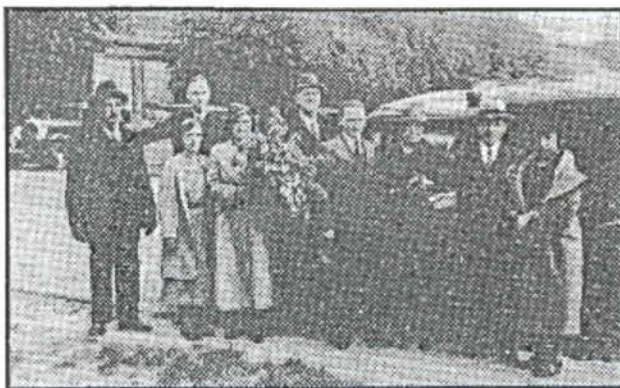
Hierarchy was pointed out on page 15 of *Face the Facts*.

McKinnon had had enough, and seemed to realize how foolishly he had acted.

A Gamaliel in Montreal

◆ The writer who defended "free speech for all" is to be admired. "It's only the truth that hurts." So the Jehovah witnesses may be filling a real need. The too-common policy of Christians in Church and State to be pleasant on the surface and conceal their real thoughts has greatly aided the enemy of truth. The Jehovah witnesses have this mark to their credit: "If you do not make a stand for truth

strong enough to arouse opposition, you do not make a strong stand." May their numbers increase, if they are following His guidance. —C. H. Bliss, in the *Montreal Daily Star*.



Jehovah's Kingdom publishers at Rambouillet, France, 30 miles from Paris

No Censorship of the Broadcasts

◆ The national advisory council of the Canadian Broadcasting corporation will

have two Catholics, two Episcopalians, two Presbyterians, two United Church, and one Baptist, and the announcement is made that "there will be no censorship of the broadcasts and no costs to the religious bodies". It may be added that all that will be insisted on is that no truth on vital issues shall be broadcast and hence Jehovah's witnesses must be kept off the air.

Interesting and Significant

◆ It is an interesting and significant thing that at a recent convention of Jehovah's witnesses in Rangoon, Burma, every seat in the large city hall was filled by those who wished to hear a reproduction of the lecture Judge Rutherford gave in Australia, and many were turned away because the auditorium was over-filled.

Now, Mabel!

◆ Mabel writes in to change her address and then says, "I agree with Charles Piot, the name should be Consternation instead of Consolation." Such a business!

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Jehovah's Kingdom publishers broadcasting in the desert near Mt. Lebanon

Kingdom Service in Mount Lebanon

◆ *Consolation* acknowledges with thanks the receipt of an interesting and detailed description of Kingdom activities in the republic of Lebanon by the little band of Jehovah's witnesses there engaged in broadcasting the truth in Arabic to the Maronite Catholic population of this little but fertile land to the northwest of Palestine. This is the land where David, Solomon and Zerubbabel obtained "cedars of Lebanon" for their building operations. Some of these beautiful trees still stand.

The Maronite Catholics are inclined toward beating and otherwise bodily injuring those who teach contrary to their religion. However, many of the people and some of the many priests listen attentively, though the clergy here, as elsewhere, have little regard for God's Word. The teaching of the resurrection commands great attention from all who listen.

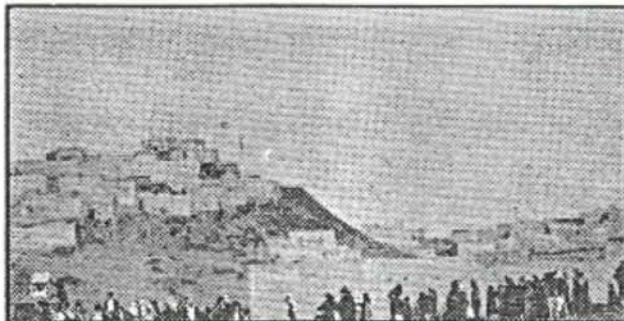
An interesting feature of a convocation in Mount Lebanon is the custom of a host of passing among the guests with a movable metal fireplace, upon which is a brass coffee pot boiling with Turkish coffee, peculiar to the orientals. The coffee is passed from one to another in a small cup containing one sip. Then it is refilled and passed to another.

One of the scenes shown herewith was taken in the desert near Homs, and, says witness Besheer:

We took the sound-car to a strategic position outside this village of 3,000 population, and before we had finished broadcasting it was a sight to see the people coming from every section of the town, streaming toward the car like ants. Among the number was a priest, who said: "We do not want you in this town: your preaching is not desired; and if you question this declaration there are fifteen other black beards like me in this town who will voice the same opinion."

The other view shown is just outside the village of Scalibya. Besheer says of this particular stand:

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Jehovah's Kingdom publishers broadcasting near a city in Mount Lebanon

The town, having a population of about 4,000, is situated on a hill rising from a valley. The houses are built upon the hill like the seats of a stadium, one rising higher than the other. After spreading through the town, leaving many messages of the Kingdom in printed form, we took the sound-car to the position shown in the picture and began broadcasting. Loud and clear the message sounded, and hundreds of the people came streaming toward us. Many listened from the roofs of houses, and we probably had over 1,000 listeners at this setup. While the message was being broadcast two horsemen galloped toward us at full speed. On arriving they were armed to the teeth, but each took three booklets, contributed for them, and in a moment disappeared into the desert again.

Facing the Facts in the Bible

◆ I bought a book at the door from a lady a little time ago for a penny, called *Face the Facts*. It is very interesting, as one can look the verses up easily in the Bible. I am enclosing six pence for six more books, as I wish to send a few to my friends, and two pennies in stamps for postage. Could you please tell me if this last great war will happen this year? —G. H., Britain.

Finding the Way to Safety

◆ Your booklet *Fascism or Freedom* was destined to reach me (a disgusted and ashamed ex-Catholic) ashamed of hypocrisy of religion of which I have been a part. I am not brave enough to renounce to my friends Catholicism, but perhaps further understanding will conquer this. Please find enclosed one shilling for the books *Enemies* and *Warning*.—E. A. M., London.

Catholic Action at Grimsby and Oldham

◆ On April 1 a committee of eight anarchists of the Roman Catholic cult, headed by the local priest, called on the manager of the Plaza cinema, at Grimsby, England, where Jehovah's witnesses were to have a public lecture



Jehovah's Kingdom publishers at Luton, England

on "Fascism or Freedom". This delegation tried to force the manager to break his contract, but he refused to give in to them. As usual, they threatened violence, so the police were invited. Nothing happened, and the audience of 300 greatly enjoyed the program. The audience were told of the efforts to stop the meeting, and this increased everybody's enthusiasm.

At Oldham, population 144,000, just on the north outskirts of Manchester, on the same day as the meeting was held at Grimsby, Jehovah's Kingdom publishers were gathered in a large hall, with 500 attending the public meeting to hear the same lecture, "Fascism or Freedom." On this occasion also several groups of anarchists of the same Italian sect were scattered all over the hall and began to disturb the meeting after it had been started about ten minutes.

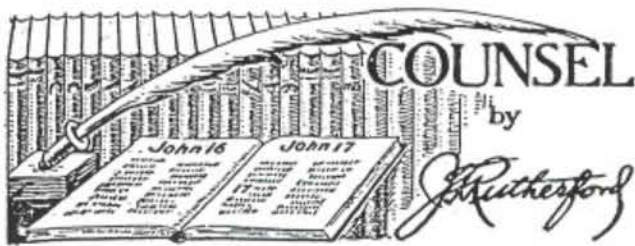
The publishers put out three of the disturbers and called the police, who put ten officers on guard. A gang of 25 roughs, sent by the priest, tried to gain entrance, but were put out by the police. Then a gang of 25 inside the

hall, headed by an alderman named Shannon, started to sing Catholic songs. The police put this gang out, including Shannon. He was hustled out, threatening as he went.

The police also advised taking action against Shannon for disturbing a peaceable assembly, and this is being done and will certainly cause a big witness to be given in that area. Shannon was mayor of Oldham three years ago, and the police remember him well but not favorably. This adds to the entertainment. The police sergeant asked to have a call made at his home so that he might hear the lecture.

Members of the Catholic cult have had a meeting in Manchester to consider what further they can do to prevent Jehovah's witnesses' exercising their rights, but, as the police have promised every protection, the gangsters excite only ridicule and contempt. This refers especially to the jackasses in the black night-gowns that are trying to bolster up their racket in Britain. It is not so easy in a country that has once had the good, healthy smell of liberty.

(To be continued)



Rome the Mecca

IN THESE days of world peril it is an indisputable fact that the rulers turn toward Rome and go to the Vatican and there visit and consult the pope. The dictator Mussolini is said to frequently visit the pope. Hitler and his principal men make pilgrimages to Rome and visit the pope. The prime minister of the British Empire appears to receive consolation by consulting the pope. The president of the United States entertains a confidential friend, who is a special representative of the pope, and he gets that friend to carry messages to the pope, and he receives messages from the pope. Why should the political rulers be so anxious to consult the head of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy? The answer is easy to find when the relationship between the Papacy and the political rulers is understood. The political rulers are confronted with many perplexing problems in these days of great peril. The prophecy of Christ Jesus, relating to the present time, is: 'There shall be distress of nations, with perplexity; men's hearts failing them for fear of what they see coming upon the earth.' The key to the matter is fear. The political rulers fear for themselves, for their tenure of rule, fear disasters about to fall upon them, fear an uprising of the people, and fear one another. Concerning such fear it is written in the Scriptures: "The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."—Proverbs 29:25.

A snare is laid by Satan, and into that snare fearful men fall and are there securely trapped. The fearful ruler seeks counsel and consolation, hoping to find a way for self-preservation. He turns to religion, hoping there to find the desired consolation. The Papacy is the leading religion now practiced in "Christendom". The political rulers look to the head of that religious system for aid. These political leaders are doubtless unaware of the fact that religion is the invention of the Devil, and is the Devil's snare in which men are

caught. They continue to say, "We must have more religion," and to further say, "To Rome the mecca"; and there the political ruler goes. In this manner the Papacy keeps in touch with all the political affairs of the nations of earth and forms a part of the world, ruling as the spiritual adviser.

The habit of men in seeking a religious adviser is nothing new or confined to modern days. In all times of emergency the Devil has used religion to ensnare men who fail to put any trust in Jehovah God. A striking example is that of Saul, the king of the Israelites. Saul became rebellious, and God withdrew his favor from Saul, completely rejecting him. (1 Samuel 15:23) The Philistines were the enemies of Israel, and they came up to make war against Saul and the people. The battle of Gilboa was near. "And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled." (1 Samuel 28:5) Saul had forsaken God, and God had rejected him. Saul was filled with great fear. In the hour of his fear and distress Saul turned to religion and walked right into the Devil's snare. He visited the witch of Endor, a spirit medium, who had a place where secret operations were carried on. God's law given to the Israelites expressly forbade the communication with spirit mediums, called "witches" (Exodus 22:18) because the witches are spirit mediums. They practice religion at the instance of the Devil and are employed by the Devil and other wicked spirits as a means of communication to men on earth. Spiritism is one of the religious methods employed by the enemy at all times to turn men away from God. Saul was completely enmeshed in the Devil's snare, and he and his army suffered destruction at the battle of Gilboa. What happened to Saul indicates what is coming to "Christendom".

The political rulers of "Christendom" today fail to look to Almighty God for consolation. They have no faith in God, but they seek the aid and comfort of religionists, and particularly the pope. The battle of the great day of God Almighty is near, of which the battle of Gilboa was a type. The rulers have heard much about the approaching battle of Armageddon. Like Saul they are greatly distressed, in fear, and in perplexity. As the Devil led Saul into a trap, so he is leading all the rulers of "Christendom" into a snare, and this particularly by the means of religion, and there they will

suffer destruction. All who hold to and practice religion are easily made afraid, and the end of such will come at the battle of Armageddon.

Do Christians fear men? No, not at all. A follower of Christ Jesus loves Jehovah God and Christ, and concerning such it is written: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." (1 John 4:18) The Christian puts his trust in the Lord God, and concerning him it is

written: "Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."—Proverbs 29:25.

Today there is no other place of safety. God's time is at hand to take final accounting with the Devil and all his agents. All who hold to religion, and religious leaders, are certain to suffer defeat and destruction. Rome is the mecca now, but soon Rome and all in connection with it, and the Vatican, will pass away and will be forgotten. The kingdom of God under Christ will prevail and will rule forever in peace, to the glory of the Most High.

Pennsylvania

Roasted Alive?



Pennsylvania is establishing a reputation as the state having the worst prisons in the country. The Holmesburg prison, where four inmates were roasted alive, and where 21 others were brought to unconsciousness and within one hour of death, is foremost in the ranks of bad prisons. The roasting was done with steam in an enclosed part of the prison from which the victims could not escape, when it was 80 degrees outside. When one humane guard turned the heat off, one of the regular variety, such as they prefer at Holmesburg, turned it back on. Fourteen persons, including the superintendent, deputy warden, guard captain, two prison physicians and nine guards, didn't see anything wrong with roasting prisoners.

Robbed the Poor Box

◆ According to his own confession, made to Judge Michael F. McDonald, of Wilkes-Barre, Emil Goglio robbed the poor box of the Sacred Heart Church at Duryea, so that he could educate his son for the religious racket. He was given five to ten years. The Associated Press carefully stated that this was "so he could educate his son for the clergy" (guess what kind of clergy) and put the words into Goglio's mouth that he wanted his son "to be a minister". How considerate!

Nice Teacher in Pennsylvania

◆ At Sligo grammar school, near Clarion, Pa., a ten-year-old boy is alleged to have thrown some jelly beans. He won't do so any more. The teacher beat him with a piece of flooring, and the little fellow died in six days.

The teacher was arrested. The physician who treated the boy refused to comment on the arrest; and he too should be arrested, because the county coroner, who should have viewed the body, knew nothing about it until it had been buried. The doctor should have told him, but was trying to shield the murderer.

Nice Little Business Upset

◆ Two women and a man in Philadelphia had worked up a nice little business of insuring their husbands and brothers and poisoning them for their insurance, when the police upset it all, and in Philadelphia, no less. They dug up several of the deceased policyholders and found arsenic had taken them off. When Ferdinand Alfonsi was dying he accused his wife of poisoning him, and when they cut him open the arsenic was found, as he had predicted. Now the business doesn't look as good as it did, and they didn't even give Mrs. Alfonsi the \$3,000 she had expected to get.

Public Ownership of Anthracite

◆ One of the reasons why many desire the public ownership of anthracite coal is that, after the United States Supreme Court had ordered the railroads to divorce themselves from coal holdings (the spirit of which order was never obeyed, as everybody in the coal regions knows full well to be the truth), those holdings, actually worth \$123,000,000, were written up on the books at \$456,000,000; and then the companies set up a reserve of \$171,000,000 for depreciation and depletion, which was \$48,000,000 more than the property is worth. Now the benefits go to the Big Business crowd. If the Government takes over the mines the benefits will go to the big politicians instead.

Motoring

A \$5,000 Home on Wheels



For \$5,000 one may now obtain a 29-foot home on wheels, streamlined, with big easy chairs that can be made into twin beds. It will have air-conditioning, a shower bath, a full-sized clothes closet, a stainless stove, and a living room. It will accommodate five persons. When such a trailer hotel arrives at a place where the occupants wish to stop, all they have to do is to drive in, hook up the water and lights and telephone, jack up the trailer on four corners, and in twenty minutes start housekeeping in the new location. It is claimed that two persons can live in a trailer, moving when they wish (and at sixty miles an hour) and remaining where they desire, at an average cost of about \$2.10 a day, including gasoline. There are de luxe 40-foot trailers on the road that cost as much as \$20,000.

Suitcase Houses

◆ For \$500 a house may be purchased small enough to pack in the family auto. This house has one room, bath, kitchenette and closet, insulated against the weather, and carrying its own oil-heating system, and in one hour can be unpacked and set up ready for housekeeping. The panels of which it is composed, measuring 5 feet by 7 feet, can be fitted to form 52 styles of houses, including a four-room one costing up to \$1,750 which has dimensions of 20 by 24 feet, with living room, two bedrooms, kitchen, bath and three closets. The larger house needs half a day for unpacking and setting up. The houses are made at Dearborn, Michigan.

500 Cars to the Scrap Heap

◆ Police Judge Ackerman, Cleveland, Ohio, worked out a policy of sending to the junk pile the cars of 500 drunken drivers. The plan seems to work, and the impression is gradually gaining ground in northern Ohio that if you are "full" you had better keep out of Cleveland. You might have to walk back home.

Uncle Sam on Wheels

◆ In proportion to the population there are four cars in the United States to one in Britain or France, ten cars to one in Germany, twenty-two cars to one in Italy, and seventy-one cars to one in Russia.

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WPA Road Builders

◆ In four months of 1938 the WPA road-builders improved 30,000 miles of roads, completed more than 4,000 new bridges and 52,000 new culverts, laid 1,500 miles of sidewalks and paths, and constructed or improved more than 10,000 miles of roadside drainage ditches. These men have done useful and valuable work. If they had been provided with adequate steam shovels, road-making machines and other equipment, they could have done much, very much more, factories would have been busier, and the general results to the country would have been better. And the cost would have been no greater than by the puttering methods actually employed.

The World on Wheels

◆ The United States has 29,211,651 automobiles in use; Britain has 2,542,294; France, 2,259,000; Germany, 1,707,496; Canada, 1,381,103; Australia, 799,750; Russia, 677,997; Italy, 399,375; South Africa, 339,084; Argentina, 279,267; New Zealand, 265,028; Belgium, 226,907; India, 178,124; Japan, 140,000. Other interesting figures in this connection are 60 cars in Bermuda (of which 57 are government-owned), 125 in Liberia, and 2,400 in Afghanistan, which latter is quite a surprise, and not at all a bad showing.

Ohio's Youngest Motorist

◆ Ohio's youngest motorist, Larry Jefferis, Germantown, Ohio, drives without a license. At least he did. His father left him in the car while he unloaded a truck. Larry got busy, meshed the gears, turned the switch, pushed the starter button, and started out to see the town. He crossed the busiest intersection in town and was making good headway down the main street when the car jumped the curb and struck a house. Larry let out a yell and quit motoring until he gets a license. His age at the time of his first solo trip was 2½ years. Larry picked the wrong business. Several kids of only a few times his age have gone into the religious racket and made a go of it.

To Prevent Headlight Glare

◆ To prevent headlight glare, a new form of spectacles has the upper half shaded green. A tilt of the head screens oncoming lights but leaves the roadway visible.



The "Holy Church" Needs Power

♦ It is difficult for many sincere Catholic persons to believe that the Roman Catholic Church is a totalitarian organization; that it has political purposes and aspirations, and that in its creedal philosophy it emphatically opposes civic liberties which have been a vital possession of the people of the United States for many years.



To the ordinary Catholic the church is merely a religious organization—the ONLY religious organization. In his mind's eye he sees the church as a place where the parish priest piously busies himself with masses and other religious ceremonies. He sees the church as a place where images, crucifixes, holy water, incense, candles, solemn and sacred music, social gatherings, card and bingo parties, and suchlike affairs occupy the attention of the communicants. He doesn't see the political activities of the church. He doesn't see its totalitarian purpose in action. When he hears or reads of such aims as being part and parcel of his church he thinks of them as wholly false and that any who impute such conduct to the "holy" and eminent leaders of the church are simply persecuting her.

The inquisition of medieval days was an exhibition of the cruel use of power by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. The church then had power. Emperors, kings, princes, peoples and nations bowed to its will. That power was used to force conformity from all people. Those who did not conform were tortured and killed.

Some Catholic apologists claim that the inquisition was a thing solely of the past, when all people used cruel, inhuman and barbarous methods. They claim that the church does not and would not now use such. This claim is contradicted by present-day occurrences. Even today the church publicly asserts the right to impose physical punishment upon heretics. It still asserts that all publications and statements objectionable to it should be suppressed. It does not exercise that right, universally, as

in the past, only because it does not now have the power. But the machinery for its exercise is ever kept in readiness. Within the clear memory of every observer, the present head of the church and of its hierarchy was recently crowned as "universal rector, Vicar of Christ, father of princes and kings, ruler of the world".

The Catholic Encyclopedia, a standard authoritative work, states as follows:

Toleration came in only when Faith went out; lenient measures were resorted to only where the power to apply more severe measures was wanting.—Volume 7, page 262.

In similar strain, eminent spokesmen of the Hierarchy have expressed its aims and described methods usable to achieve those aims. For example, the superior-general (John B. Harney) of the Hierarchy's religious society of "Missionary Jesuits" (designated also "Paulist Fathers"), recently stated:

I do not doubt, if they were strong enough, that the Catholic people would hinder, even by death if necessary, the spread of such errors ["perverting the truth" of "the Roman Catholic Church"] through the people. And I say rightly so.—In a public address by John B. Harney, as reported and carefully verified by the *New York Herald*, May 7, 1901.

In further support of the contention here made, notice the statement of Pope Pius IX, who, on December 8, 1864, in "Syllabus of Errors", declared as follows:

The state has not the right to leave every man free to profess and embrace whatever religion he shall deem true.

She [the Roman Catholic Church] has the right to require the state not to leave every man free to profess his own religion.

She has the right to require that the Catholic religion shall be the only religion of the state, to the exclusion of all others.



These statements conclusively prove that the church still maintains that criticism must be stopped. It still alleges that dissenters must be silent or silenced. It tolerates criticism, free speech, free declaration of Biblical truths and reasonable opinions only when it does not have the power to apply repressive measures.

Modern-day Catholic practices in some areas are in perfect accord with these astounding declarations. In some portions of the United States there is the stopping of mouths of its critics. Two thousand arrests of Jehovah's witnesses in three years abundantly testify to

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this modern-day inquisition. The Catholic Church does not have the power to suppress all criticism of it throughout the United States, for the Bill of Rights is still in force in this country, and the higher courts still stand by the Federal Constitution. But one does not have to go far to find places where the medieval style of persecution and interdiction of the Bible is still in force. Just across the border from this country is the totalitarian province of Quebec. There the Roman Church has power, and there the inquisition flourishes today.

The union of church and state in Quebec is well symbolized by the large crucifixes displayed there on the walls of courtrooms. The Hierarchy's cardinal who resides at Montreal is the real ruler of the province. He dictates laws, supervises the administration, and uses the government as the police power of the church to suppress any and all opposition. The so-called "padlock" law was passed under the dictation of this religious-political boss. This law authorizes officials of the province to lock the doors and bar entrance to any house in the province where it is suspected that "Communist" teachings have been promulgated. There is no definition of "Communism" in the law, and it is administered to include anything and everything that is offensive to the Roman Church.

In addition to this gag measure, the prerogative writs, such as injunction, habeas corpus, mandamus, and other equitable measures which have been a source of protection to the common people from the days of the Magna Charta, have been abolished in Quebec. With these safeguards removed, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy has tremendous power in that part of the British dominions; and on account of that power the right to present Bible teachings to the people has been circumscribed and even utterly denied. One striking illustration is here presented.

On September 24, 1937, two of Jehovah's witnesses, to wit, Amedee Dufour and Felix Lacasse, were arrested in the District of St. Jerome. They were at that time distributing a Bible tract entitled "The People's Greatest Need". This pamphlet set forth briefly that the people need knowledge concerning the purposes of Almighty God. It stated that the people need the wisdom which comes from above, and told how to get such knowledge and wisdom. It pointed out some of the hindrances in the way of securing such knowl-

edge. It was not abusive or harsh in its terms. It did not mention any religious or political organization by name. The paragraph that is strongest in its terms and the most likely to give offense is the following:

Satan the great enemy of man has induced the teaching of false doctrines to the people. The reason there is so much ignorance amongst the people concerning the Scriptures is that Satan the enemy of man and of God has interfered with the people's understanding the truth. Satan through his agencies killed many of the men who faithfully performed their work in connection with the Bible, but not until their work was done. Thousands of copies of the Bible were destroyed by those same evil agencies, but Satan, with all his efforts, could not stop the progress of God's unfolding purposes and the revelation of himself to the people through His Word. Being unable to stop the publication of the Bible, the Devil has sought through his representatives, the clergy, to corrupt the meaning thereof and to put into the minds of the people an improper understanding of the text. He has used every power at his command to turn the minds of the people away from Jehovah and from His pure Word of truth. He has made them believe that the dead are not dead, but in "purgatory" or eternal torment. These horrible doctrines have turned many honest men away from God. It is a real comfort to know that your dead friends are not in eternal torment, nor in "purgatory". The Scriptures plainly teach that the dead are unconscious, out of existence, know not anything, and are therefore not undergoing suffering. In view of these true and emphatic statements of God's Word there is no necessity whatsoever for masses and prayers for dead people, nor any excuse for extorting from the people large sums of money for funeral services. Jesus paid the price for one and all, and in due time all will come forth from their graves. For centuries many of these wonderful truths were obscure and taken away from the people. In God's due time these pure doctrines have been restored to the honest seekers after truth.

This paragraph certainly contains no libel. There is no seditious utterance in it. There is no cause given for any legitimate offense by reason of its public circulation. Yet these two men were thrown into jail and brought before the court because they presented copies of this document to the people.



After the arrest the authorities had some difficulty in determining what charge to present against them. This on its face proves that the proceedings did not constitute a legitimate step for enforcement of law and prevention of crime. It shows that there was some other motive for the action taken. They

were first charged with distributing circulars without a license, and with corrupting the morals of the people. Later a charge of libel against the Catholic Church was entered, which charge was again changed to that of defamatory libel. Finally, after much distress of mind, the charge of seditious conspiracy was entered against these men, and they were brought to trial upon that charge. Seditious conspiracy means the combining together in action and purpose with the intent to stir up riotous disturbance against the government and to bring about the overthrow of the government. There is not the slightest evidence of anything seditious about the pamphlet entitled "The People's Greatest Need". There was no evidence presented that these defendants had any seditious purpose. Nevertheless they were 'found guilty' by a French Canadian jury and were sentenced to six months in jail. An appeal was affirmed against them. They are still behind the bars, purely because they presented to the people Bible truths in accordance with the mandate given by Jehovah God in His Word, the Bible.

This action did not end the matter. Jehovah's witnesses wrote the story of this persecution and sent fourteen thousand copies through the mails to prominent citizens of Quebec. The Hierarchy then woke up to the fact that here was another avenue of disseminating ideas which had been overlooked. This must be plugged up, and consequently a bill was presented in the Quebec legislature petitioning the federal government of Canada to close the mails to any so-called "Communist propaganda".

This is a concrete case, proving that where the Roman Catholic Hierarchy has the power all criticism of and dissent from its creed must and will be silenced. In the Catholic totalitarian state no one is permitted to tell people the truth about "purgatory". Why not? That cuts in on the profits of the "holy" organization, and any person so offending will be found 'guilty of sedition against the government'. In Quebec it is impossible to tell the people about the blessings which will come to all God-fearing persons through the complete establishment of the kingdom of Almighty God under His Son Jesus Christ. To bring such facts to the people constitutes "sedition" and will bring about a jail sentence.

The case is just one of many actual instances presenting a complete line of evidence proving that the Hierarchy of the Roman

Catholic Church is the same today as it was during the Dark Ages. It is true that in those days opponents were silenced by the sword, fire and stake, the strangulation cord, stoning, and other violent measures. Today, in this country, is now presented the spectacle of medieval-minded editors pouring forth columns of vituperative abuse upon any and all who dare to speak unfavorably of the Roman Church. In their judgment, every public speaker and writer ought to regard the "Church" as something holy, untouchable, a "sacred cow". Coercion and boycott are freely used to prevent Bible truths' being broadcast by radio. Jail sentences are invoked where and when possible. Stronger measures are not used yet; only because the times are not propitious for such *Catholic action*.

These statements are not intended to hurt the feelings of any Catholic person, nor to hold up such persons to scorn and contempt. Fair-minded Catholics will admit that such brutal conduct toward fellow human creatures is far from Godlike or Christlike, even though practiced by or at the direction of a richly-robed bishop or other Roman clergyman. These facts are mentioned here for the benefit of all people, including Catholics. Millions of honest Catholic and non-Catholic persons have been deceived by subtle means used by eminent leaders who compose the rulers of the Roman Catholic Church, or Hierarchy. Such honest, God-fearing persons should awake, investigate, and free themselves from the clutches of the foreign sovereignty.—O. R. Moyle.

Crusade for Pope in Government



The "Right Reverend" Joseph Corrigan, of the Catholic University at Washington, has announced a crusade for a bigger share by the pope in the government of the United States. This was to be expected. The way the newspapers put it, it was to be a "Crusade for God in Government"; but the meaning is the same. Corrigan thinks the Catholic Church is "God". Oddly enough he is nearly right, if one is careful to designate that it is most closely identified with "the god of this world", the Devil. But how the Devil could have a larger share in earth's affairs, in view of the Scriptural declaration that 'the whole world lieth in the wicked one, and they are taken captive by him at his will', is not so clear. Still, it must be admitted that the Catholic Church is getting constantly more

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and more influence with Roosevelt and many others at Washington, and so Corrigan is not so far wrong after all. Incidentally, Roosevelt and Pacelli are good personal friends, and that ought to boost things for the Hierarchy regardless of whether Roosevelt or Farley is the next president.

Major Moseley Applauded

◆ Major General George Van Horn Moseley is said to have been roundly applauded by the New York Board of Trade when he referred to certain "Christian patriotic groups" that are demanding immediate action in this country that something be done to exterminate their enemies. *The Nation* quotes him as saying:

Once these patriots go to battle they will cure the disease definitely and make those massacres now recorded in history look like peaceful church parades. In fact, if both New York and Washington were burned down tonight it would not cause a ripple in the America that I am talking about.

One can almost hear Moseley think, and anybody can see that the thoughts he does think are the same as are thought by Oswald Mosley, of Britain.

Hierarchy Sympathies with Fascism

◆ Note the following effort of *The Catholic Telegraph-Register* (Cincinnati) to discourage opposition to Fascism:

The questions which arise in the minds of thoughtful men are: Why the sudden need for a tremendously enlarged navy? Who is the potential foe? Who are the groups of men in back of all the war propaganda we read in the press and on the movie screens? What vested interests are being served by the propaganda? Why must the democratic nations, England, France, and the United States, and, believe it or not, Russia, be aligned against the so-called Fascist nations to uphold the sanctity of international obligations? Since when have nations suddenly become interested in sanctity and obligations?

The Observer should like to see a nation-wide protest against the war propaganda that is being disseminated today. The plea for peace by insisting on the sanctity of international obligations sounds too much like "Making the World Safe for Democracy". We should refuse to go to war at any time to serve the interests of big business or to protect the foreign investments of Wall Street or to safe-guard the interests of the British empire.

Mutual Love of Monstrosities

◆ The U. S. committee on un-American activities made note, in its report yesterday, of the

speed with which Nazis and Fascists adopt Communist tactics to further their purposes. Behind the world-wide organization of these belligerent forces lies the sinister rumor of an understanding between Moscow and Berlin and Rome. Presently it sounds inconceivable that such an arrangement could exist, and yet from time to time reputable observers point to the similarity in method, the amiable trading agreements and the lack of actual violence between forces supposed to hate each other as evidence of an underlying current of understanding hidden from the common people.

The old adage of "divide and conquer" should be remembered in these days. When the propagandists have driven into opposing camps all who feel they must be part of some militant organization sponsored from a foreign land, then the plight of the true lover of country and of freedom will be poor indeed if Communist, Nazi and Fascist suddenly agree they will make better progress co-operating than fighting.—*Regina Daily Star*.

Dominance of Boy Scouts

◆ It is interesting to note that the Boy Scouts of America's report to Congress indicates that the growth in Catholic Scouting has been so great in the last year throughout the United States that there is only one other church organization that has more troops under its auspices than does the Catholic Church. We are now second in the list and there is every indication that we shall soon be first. The agreement between the Hierarchy and the Boy Scouts of America is proving very satisfactory in practice. We are enjoying every benefit offered by the program and yet maintain the autonomy and direction necessary for Catholic Action.—*The Catholic Review*.

Nice Work in Walnuts

◆ Heretofore, those religious businesses that like to refer to themselves as "charitable institutions" have had their unpaid labor prepare walnut meats for market, and the meats have sold for very low prices. Now a little item in the news states that the courts have ruled that the surplus of the Pacific Coast walnut crop may be given to charitable institutions. Fine! Now with nuts free, and labor free, and not allowed to eat any of the meats, what is to hinder a "charitable institution" from underselling everybody else in the nut meat business? And, don't you doubt it, that they will!

Stuffed with Cotton

◆ America is stuffed with cotton; in fact, she has a year's supply on hand that nobody wants. When she began limiting exports and boosting prices other countries, and especially Brazil, saw a chance to make money raising cotton and went to it. This reduced American cotton markets, and now Uncle Sam and the cotton growers are worried and have reason to be worried. A suggestion in one of the New York papers is that Uncle Sam work the cotton up into stockings, shirts, sheets, overalls, dresses and suits and give them to everybody in this fair land that can prove they could use them. That's everybody. Also, that's Fascism; for does anybody think the politicians are going to clothe everybody (and feed them too—for that is just as logical) and not have more and more to say about what they shall hail and salute and root for? Fascism is in the bag, and those that have been trained to "Hail Mary" will be in on the front end of the procession. It comes perfectly natural to them to hail and salute: they are trained to it.

One Man More Important than 130,000,000

◆ In the eyes of the Congress of the United States one man, and a dead one at that, is more important than the interests of the 130,000,000 Americans that pay them \$10,000 a year salary (and mileage and relative perquisites) to look after their interests. The first time the Congress adjourned for a day because of the death of a Roman Catholic pope was February 13, 1939, and it should be the last. If Congress adjourns every time the head of some sect dies it could stay adjourned. It may come to that yet, but in the meantime it should attend to the business for which it was hired.

Memories of an Altar Boy



They used to tell us, "Wash your hand in holy water if you even touch with your finger tips a piece of non-Catholic literature"; also, "Be sure to tell everything when you go to confession, because if you leave out one single thing your confession is void, and if you die in such a state you will go direct to hell." I now know that confession is part of the spy system, and that is why such great emphasis is placed upon it.

The prices of masses, when I was an altar boy, were: \$1 for low mass. A low mass is just a plain, ordinary, everyday mass without the

trimmings. For \$5 they would light six candles on the altar instead of two, and the priest wore a little snappier costume, in brighter colors. For \$10 all the candles on the altar were lighted and there was organ music, with two singers from the choir. For \$25, solemn high mass, everything in the church was lit up, the organ went full blast, there were three priests instead of one saying the mass, and there were ten or twelve altar boys, or as many as they could muster (we never got anything for it, anyway), incense blowing, Latin hymns, one priest answering another with Latin hymns as if on a metropolitan opera stage, kneeling and genuflecting before statues which ran rampant throughout the building, leaving the attending congregation awe-stricken as if in a state of coma, throughout all the proceedings. After the mass, while still in the stupor, the people would say to one another, "Was it not wonderful! Why, I felt as if I were in heaven." After the spell was over they were still as empty-headed and heavy-hearted as before, with no "strong meat in due season" such as we get in the WATCHTOWER publications—which are full of nourishment.

They allowed so many hundreds of days' indulgences for masses said, which graduate from 100 days to 10,000 days, depending on the kind of masses said. But the purchaser of masses is never told definitely when the departed is entirely out of "purgatory". The purchaser is kept guessing, so that he will keep buying masses continually. He is kept reaching for the moon, and never gets it.—Sam Amato, Michigan.

European Monstrosity Items

◆ In their general elections the Swiss failed to kowtow to the pope on the outlawry of Masonry. He wanted Masonry put under the same ban in Switzerland as in Italy, Germany and Spain, but when the matter was put to a nation-wide referendum only 232,000 votes were cast for his program, while 508,000 were cast against it. The Swiss do not like the idea of the pope's running their affairs, either directly or through Hitler.

The Roman Hierarchy continues to make progress in Denmark. A mass was recently broadcast over Denmark's official radio broadcasting station, for the first time in its history, and the king of Denmark contributed to the building of a shrine in Rome for Danish Catholics, and boasted of it.

(To be continued)

Red Herring Statesmanship

A Crash That Startled the World

◆ That was a crash that startled the world when one of America's latest bombing planes fell to the earth, killing its American pilot, at Los Angeles, February 4, 1939, and his mysterious passenger riding under an assumed name was found to be a French army officer. The president of the United States was embarrassed when the secretary of the treasury testified that this was done because the president asked it.

Would the president have asked similar privileges for the representatives of the Spanish Republic, which at that time was still in existence? He would not. The United States could sell war supplies to Germany and Italy, with which the gangsters operating those countries could blow the Spanish Republicans to smithereens, but it could not sell munitions to the Spanish Republic, fighting for its life. That would never do. The Spanish Embargo must be maintained!

But when it is too late to save the Spanish democracy, or the Austrian democracy, or the Czechoslovakian democracy, the president suddenly seems to sense the truth that it may shortly be too late to save any democracy at all. Hence the apparent desire that France, at least, should have a chance to survive. All the talk in the world cannot change the fact that the French wanted planes to call the bluff of Italy, and the president wanted France to have them so that that bluff could be called before it is for ever too late.

And, incidentally, there are some who think an order for \$65,000,000 worth of airplanes a matter to which the president could properly give some personal attention, even though things like that lead a nation into war.

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The Fascist Missionaries

◆ The Fascist missionaries now have decks of armor plate 10 inches thick, equivalent to more than 2½ feet of wrought iron, and, it is believed, would be able to take any kind of punishment that could be offered by any kind of weapon now in use. Britain, America, Italy and Germany are all interested in these new battleships.



Red herring are now in season

appear as a friend of that which it desperately hates. Read the following gibberish put forth by Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University at Washington, and see if you can arrive at any other opinion of his real meaning than that he believes in freedom for the Hierarchy and for nobody else:

What needs discipline in this country is our concept of freedom. Freedom does not mean the right to say, do or act as we please. Freedom of speech, for example, is being carried too far and we may not be able to pull it back again. You may not invoke a right to destroy it. I have no right to use my freedom of speech to destroy yours. Those forces which are clamoring hardest for their free speech will eventually do away with ours.

Six Tons of Narcotics

◆ So fearful are the nations of another World War, and so certain that it will come, that in 1936 the various governments accumulated and stored six additional tons of morphine, to be ready for the human pain that wars cause.

Drawing a Red Herring

◆ By its own oft-published admissions the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is the greatest enemy of freedom of speech and of the press that ever existed on earth. In America it is put in the position of trying to

A Fleeting Glimpse at Science

IT WOULD be delightful to take time off to inquire about the millions of things that have emerged from the Creator's hands. But *Consolation* does not have space for that; there is too much of more immediate importance. So the best that can be done is to take a fleeting glimpse, now and then, at the wonders that continually come to light in spite of the turbulence of current events.

One may consider for a moment the giant microscope which magnifies up to 50,000 diameters. Used in the mining business it photographs particles of soft gold so small that it would take 400,000,000,000 of them to make a coin of the value of a dime. For practical work this instrument seldom magnifies anything more than 6,000 times. Such a magnification would cause the head of a pin one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter to appear to be a disc over thirty feet across.

At the other end one may consider the giant telescopes which, without taking into account the largest one of all, now being installed at Palomar Mountain, California, have yet measured for humanity a single star cluster, or Milky Way, if you prefer that name, the Metagalactic cloud, 100,000,000 light-years distant from the earth, and which is itself 50,000,000 light-years long and 20,000,000 light-years wide. A light-year is the distance light travels in a year, while maintaining a continuous speed of 186,300 miles per second. A single light-year is about 5,875,156,800,000 miles, so that the Metagalactic cloud is some 587,515,680,000,000,000 miles away from the imaginary king of heaven, earth and hell at Vatican City.

Man knows nothing when he is born, and if he has a religious cast of mind that is as far as he ever gets.

Scientists are still trying to find out something about things, and are slowly making headway in spite of the specters in black nightgowns and lace pants whose pictures adorn the "funny sheets" known as "news-papers". Gold has been changed into mercury by a 2,500,000-volt-ray machine. Minute diamonds have been made. By a combination of dynamite explosions and recording apparatus it is possible to locate accurately underlying strata of rock 40,000 feet below the surface. This helps to locate oil deposits.

In Communication and Transportation

No need to say anything about radio; the sets are everywhere. Television is available for those who can afford it. The wire systems have not been asleep. It is now possible to transmit ninety-six messages simultaneously over a single wire. This is done by the scrambling and unscrambling of electrical sounds. There are tone channels; just so far apart; tone detectors at the receiving end do the unscrambling automatically.

Maybe you noticed that almost everybody in the United States rides around in a fine automobile, but maybe you did not know that one automobile worker in 1929 was doing as much work as 14 such workers did 25 years previously and that now he is doing still more. Automobile bodies are produced in almost manless shops.

Private airplanes are not yet as popular as private automobiles, but the helicopter may make them so. At an exhibition in Berlin one of them flew inside of the Deutschland hall, over a floor space of only 100 feet by 250 feet, up and down, backward, forward, and side-wise. These machines can land anywhere; they can travel 120 miles per hour; and in case of motor trouble aloft the wings or blades rotate automatically and the machine descends slowly, like an autogyro.

You probably know something about the new mechanical eye which can see a lighthouse 22 miles away when a lookout on a ship can see it only half a mile off. It is foolproof, too. All the operator has to do to see obstacles ahead of him is to watch the swing of a needle before his eyes; the distance of the obstruction is thus shown.

The uses of the electric eye are countless. It matches colors of papers and inks, counts logs, controls the thickness of paper, detects breaks in the rolls of paper going into printing presses and instantly stops the machines, automatically causes doors to open to waitresses, customers, automobiles or what not; it turns on parking lights and turns them out and puts factory and office lights on and off as needed.

New Industries

New industries are constantly being brought into existence as the possibilities of the great storehouse become better known. There was a

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time when red, blue and purple, obtained respectively from madder, indigo and shellfish, were the only dyes in general use. Recently a French silk manufacturer displayed eighty-six shades of the color green. The number of colors obtained from coal tar is around 200,000, and the end is not yet.

The sweet potato is a storehouse in itself of some hundreds of extremely valuable things; among them fine-quality adhesives, starches for laundries and for sizing and glazing papers and yarns, and pulp for stock feed. Great things are expected of this humble food product shortly.

Difficulties in the manufacture of firebrick were overcome when it was found that all that was needed was to grind the fire clay more finely. It seems like a little thing to ascertain, but it took thirty years to find it out.

Berlin is using sewer gas to cook with; sounds strange, does it not? But it isn't. In the treatment of sewage the same kind of gas is given off as that with which beer is charged. It is high in heating value. In one Berlin plant 194,000 cubic feet of this gas are collected and sold each 24 hours.

A dispatch from Atlanta says:

The smartly dressed woman you see walking down the street is probably dressed in wooden clothes, gayly colored without vegetable dyes. Her

beautiful pearl necklace never saw an oyster, and her delicate perfume did not come from flowers.

Who among us would be willing to give up the yellow of his butter, the red of his frankfurters, the green of his pistachio ice cream, or the coal tar icing that makes a lemon cake look like its flavor? [Ouch!]

Something new is always coming out. The mysterious "echo spot" in Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol, Washington, was definitely located between two panels whose elliptical surfaces gathered slight sounds and reflected them with greater intensity. A great mystery of long standing was thus solved.

Occasionally a waterspout deposits frogs and fish on the dry land, but in one instance a reported rain of frogs was traced to a torrential rain that washed away a muddy layer of earth and exposed a vast number of frogs that had lain buried in the ooze. This added something to human knowledge. Yellow rain has been traced to pine tree pollen; "bloody" rain, to red dust from the Sahara.

In England the dried mud on a criminal's shoes was compared with the soil of a coppice where his crime took place. His guilt was proved when the soils were compared and seeds of a species of plant which grew only in the coppice were found in the turn-ups of his trousers.

New York

Big Strike in Brooklyn



There was a big strike in Brooklyn. A seventeen-year-old boy brought home a two-week-old female fox terrier. He had an idea his twelve-year-old brother would like it, and maybe his three-year-old sister would. It never occurred to him that his mother might not be a convert to the cause. She stuck it out five weeks and then announced a lockout. The twelve-year-old had a bright idea. He prepared sandwich signs, for himself and his three-year-old sister. The signs, fore and aft, read "I am on strike because my mother wants to throw out my dog." The dog also wore signs reading, "I don't want to go away." Then the twelve-year-old circulated a petition reading, "My dear Mrs. Fishner: This petition is made because you refuse to let a poor boy, your son, have a dog. This is why you see the signatures below." When the boy had 42 signers to his

petition, his mother gave in, and now 88 Amboy street, Brooklyn, will be headquarters for fox terriers—plural, maybe.

4,139 Women for 12 Jobs

◆ New York City advertised for twelve women to act as laboratory helpers, at \$960 a year. How many do you suppose applied? One of the city armories received the applicants. They began to come at midnight, so as to be sure to be on time. At that hour 230 were seated; ten patrolwomen watched over them, and a detail of patrolmen. By six o'clock in the morning there were 392. At eight-thirty in the morning the doors were closed: there were 4,139 women waiting for the twelve jobs. A city commissioner, looking out over the sea of expectant faces, said to reporters, "I wish to God we could place them all." What a world! 344 of the women had to go away with aching hearts, to every one that got a job.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Rome and Its Popes

● The Catholic church is loud and insistent in its claim that a pope has held office and ruled in the Roman Catholic church from the days of the apostles. The claim is necessary to their institution: they cannot afford to allow that a time lapsed between the days of the apostles and the making of Papacy. Peter was fixed upon out of the number of the twelve because of the words of Jesus when, speaking to the twelve and mentioning Peter, he gave Peter the privilege of using the keys of the kingdom to open the doors for the entrance of those who should become the faithful followers of Jesus. At Pentecost a key was used—the words of Peter by the holy spirit—and great numbers of Jews were added to the church. The other was used at the home of Cornelius, the Roman centurion; for there while Peter was speaking about Jesus the holy spirit came upon that little company as it had done in Jerusalem. (Acts 11:15) No other such occasion arose: none was necessary; for the opening was accomplished. The Scriptures know nothing of a successor to Peter. There was none; but when, in the course of years, the chiefs of the professed Christians in Rome began to assume priority of position, claims never heard of before were made and, amongst other assumptions, the Roman church forged a link between themselves and Peter so that it could hold the 'right to give entrance to the kingdom of heaven', or refuse it to those who refused its claims. With this came the claim and assumption that the chief of the Roman church was the head of all who professed to be followers or believers in Christ, and the title of pope, or father, was taken. Every member of the Roman Catholic church is caused to believe that Peter was the first pope of Rome and that an unbroken series of successors has had Peter's privilege—it was never authority in the sense used by Rome ever since. That Peter was ever in Rome cannot be proved; that he was ever resident there and wrought as an apostle is altogether unlikely; that he ever used such authority as the

popes have used is impossible, as any person who reads his epistles can readily see.

A Canterbury religionist asserts that a statement made by one of the local company of Jehovah's witnesses that there was no pope till the fifth century A.D. is untrue; he says there is an unbroken record of 47 popes before the date mentioned (A.D. 460). This is the common claim of Catholics whether of the Roman or Anglican variety. It may be allowed that names of members of the Christian company in Rome can be obtained from early writings and that a regular sequence may be shown. But to say that any person in the days of the little company of true Christians in Rome was given or assumed the title of pope, or that in the years when false teachers began their destructive influence there was such a title, is to assert a direct untruth. The Papacy was established as the opportunities for aggression presented themselves, and in direct violation of Christ's word, when, denouncing religionists, He said, "Call no man your father upon the earth."—Matthew 23:9.

Religious Humbug

A "reverend" gentleman who is "professor of Christian worship" at King's college admits that superstition is still prevalent in church members. On the Sunday preceding his remark two vicars in Norfolk walked through some fields with his parishioners to pray that God would remove from the fields some ancient curses which (it is said) have rested on the fields, even since Tudor times. Either the vicars have been slow to move or their predecessors have been negligent, if the lifting of the curses has depended upon so easy a performance. The incident would hardly be worth mention except for the fact that it illustrates the humbugging of the people by the parsons. If these vicars know anything at all of the ways and the works of God they know that this performance cannot make the slightest difference to the nonfertility of the fields. It is a move to keep the ignorant in their belief in the church's efficacy to clear the parish of demons. It was to frighten away the demons that ugly gargoyles were built in the walls of the church buildings, and the ringing of the bells at the time of worship had originally the same purpose. And this is partly true of the use of incense in their churches—professedly as following the use of incense in the tabernacle of the wilderness, it serves to

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give a dullness to the senses, but is also supposed to drive away all that is evil.

The Parsons Are Lining Up

● It was to be expected that whenever the military call should come the parsons and clergy would line up. Representatives of the Prince of Peace as they profess to be, they know where their immediate interests are best served. Isaiah said, "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib," and these men certainly know their feeding places. Some parsons declare themselves as determined "pacifists", and continue to proclaim both their abhorrence of war and that it is contrary to the teachings of Jesus, and it may be that some of them will carry their declarations into refusal to take part in war, should it come. Time will prove; but that as a class the clergy will do as they did in the last war, that is, both take a place as officers, for that is what they expect, and also become recruiting agents. During the Great War some parsons were very actively engaged in such service and were paid by the State for the service.

A Perth Parson

● The "Reverend" J. W. Henderson, preaching the gospel (!) in Kinnoull church, is reported by the local press as preaching directly to "crawling pacifists" who counsel us to take every crime and outrage lying down, and to sacrifice Empire, honor and life for the sake of Christ". So far as we are concerned he may call his fellow parsons all the names he likes to use to back up his position; but this "reverend" professed representative of Jesus proceeded to bring his Master down to his own level, and proved himself as a false disciple. As may be expected, he shows himself an unbeliever in Jesus as the representative of God: he does not believe Jesus' own words always were the words of His Father by Him, nor does he believe the actions of Jesus were always according to the will and mind of God. To the Jews, the prototypes of the clergy of our days, Jesus declared that the words He spoke were always of His Father: "As my Father hath taught me, I speak these things." (John 8:28) When His work was nearly accomplished He said, "I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak"; and at the same time He said to those unbelievers (and to their fel-

lows of this day), "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."—John 12:48, 49.

This Scots parson does not believe that Jesus always spoke the words of God, the Father, according to the spirit of God which was in Him. To "prove" that Jesus changed His mind and disposition because of opposition and disappointment he quotes Jesus as speaking utterly opposite things. Early in His ministry Jesus had said to His disciples, "Resist not evil"; but says the parson, 'because He lost His faith in the responsiveness of human nature to every higher appeal, and when He knew He had failed, and had learned the shamelessness of the nonresistance idea and the hardness of heart which yields to nothing but compulsion,' He changed, and indicated His change by saying, "Those mine enemies who would not that I should rule over them, bring hither, and slay them before me." This unbelieving parson says Jesus seems to have gone on this principle—when idealism fails then common sense must be listened to; the implication being that Jesus began His work lacking common sense, or, with common sense "changed his mind under the pressure of stern facts". The parson does not believe what is recorded by the spirit of God, that Jesus always knew what was in man. (John 2:25) According to this false disciple Jesus grew up in the backwaters of Nazareth, and he has the boldness to say of Him, "Indeed the code of conduct laid down in the sermon on the mount might be described as a villager's religion: the Lord had the idea that friendliness among all the members of the community was the keynote to village life and welfare." Jesus had a self-imposed mission, says this false teacher, and He had to learn many, many things when He saw His doctrine of nonresistance to evil failing Him. It is to be supposed that the members of this preacher's flock who support him and the church organization he represents get what they want to buy.

There is, of course, no contradiction in the words of Jesus: it is impossible that there could be. His last words were no more certainly expressions of his Father's will than His first. Jesus learned while He ministered, but it was the lesson of full obedience: "He learned obedience by the things which he suffered" (Hebrews 5:8); a lesson which the disobedient clergy class will not learn. The

context of Jesus' word, 'But I say unto you, Resist not evil,' shows that He was controverting the teaching of the religionists, the Jews' clergy, who advocated retaliation for evil, *demanding* an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. As has been shown, Jesus never spoke against self-defense. His words, "Bring hither mine enemies," tell of the time of judgment which should come with His return, and when all those who oppose Him, whether declared enemies or professed friends, using His name, should be destroyed in His presence.

Both then, when the truth was spoken by Him in person, and now, when it is carried to the people by His disciples, it is objectionable to those who have made a place for themselves. History is being repeated by the clergy class, true children of the rejectors of Jesus and His words from God.

The Religionists' Peace Movement

• Started by the archbishop of Canterbury from his place in Parliament, some progress has been made. Whitsunday, the orthodox churches' set day for the anniversary of the first Pentecost, provided a good starting point for the Church of England, and special prayers were provided for the occasion. Since the archbishop first mentioned his idea great attempts have been made to rally all the churches into a Christian peace movement. The Scottish Presbyterians, the English Free churches, the Swedish protestants, and the archpatriarch who represents the Eastern churches (another form of Papacy) are in agreement. But the pope and his church will not join. The signatories to the Canterbury call have to report, "The pope has already issued to his flock a call for a crusade of prayer for peace among all nations, and they are glad to think of their own call as associated with his." The pope's time for joining with the non-Catholics will have come when they go to Rome acknowledging the claims of the Roman church and its pope.

Before that time comes there will be some ructions in the various sections of the religionists. In a convocation assembly of the Church of England Dr. Barnes, bishop of Birmingham, well known as an outspoken critic of the Bible, spoke out against the phrase "his holiness" being used of the pope. His words are worth repeating: he said, "No man is holy, though some may be gracious. Many will not be able to forget the action of the Papacy during the civil war in Spain. When the unfortu-

nate Abyssinians were being overwhelmed by poison gas there were triumphant masses throughout Italy, and the holding of these masses was not condemned by the then pope or by his cardinal secretary of state, who is now enthroned at the Vatican." The archbishop expressed a hope that the words of the bishop of Birmingham would not be reported, and most of the newspapers refrained, but some had the courage to print them.

Prayers

• Here is another use for prayer! A team of Mormon baseball players finding their Yorkshire opponents rather too good for them held a short prayer meeting in the grounds. The fact only is reported; whether or not they won the games is not stated. The spectators and the non-prayers will hardly consider this as "playing the game".

Money for Betting

• It is reliably calculated that a million pounds per year is expended in betting in Britain—about half of the amount on horse and dog racing, and nearly as much through the betting pools of football games, though this latter is not called betting.

Half Million Street Accidents

♦ More than 500,000 people were killed or injured on the streets of London in the last ten years. About one-third of these accidents were caused by automobiles. There were 60,958 accidents in London streets in the year 1934. One may account for the numerous accidents by the fact that London was not built with the requirements of modern traffic in mind. The streets are frequently narrow and tortuous.

Other Items

• The British Broadcasting Company's income for the year 1938 was £3,800,000. It is expected that an additional £500,000 will shortly be required to keep up the establishment.

The financial accounts for the year 1936-37 reveal that 539 persons were reckoned as millionaires. One is so accounted if his income amounts to £40,000 a year. At the end of the Great War there were 794 such; after the lean years 1932-34 the number dropped to 428, and now the number has risen again. It seems that even poor or bad times allow some to thrive.

Switzerland and France

German Penetration of Swiss Universities



German penetration of Swiss universities is skillfully planned. Subsidies are offered in Germany for those who carry out the work of undermining democracy in the little republic next door. The German students make a careful study of the personality of each professor, and how best to overthrow his influence. The students are divided into groups to work as spies on fellow students. All German students wear the Nazi badge of dishonor, and their course is directed in detail from Germany. At the Geneva University one of the professors of the Faculty of Law began an address with a denunciation of the recent German decrees which break with every principle of justice and morality, whereupon, after an interruption by one of the German students, every student in the room got up and left.

France Has the Best Roads

◆ France has the best roads in Europe; that is, in France there are 120 kilometers of road for every 100 square kilometers of surface, whereas England has 95, Germany 45, and Italy 25 kilometers.

Got a Kick in the Neck

◆ In Paris two men that thought they were clever pretended to be detectives and undertook to kidnap a wealthy man under pretext that they were taking him to the police station in a spy case. The man that was being given the free ride noticed that his new-found friends were taking him somewhere else, so he kicked the driver in the neck, and the car became involved in a collision. The kidnaped man escaped unhurt and one of his captors was arrested.

Swiss Desire Independence

◆ The Swiss loudly proclaim their desire and determination to maintain their independence, but the outlook is dark, if for no other reason than that 72 percent of the population speak the German language, and the Nazi theory is that every body who speaks German must come into the Third Reich. If and when France goes down, and regardless of whether from without or from within, Switzerland is sure to go also —and Belgium too.

Fourteen Miles in the Dark

◆ To get out of Italy into Switzerland, Jules Bender dodged the guards and hiked through the Simplon tunnel in the darkness.

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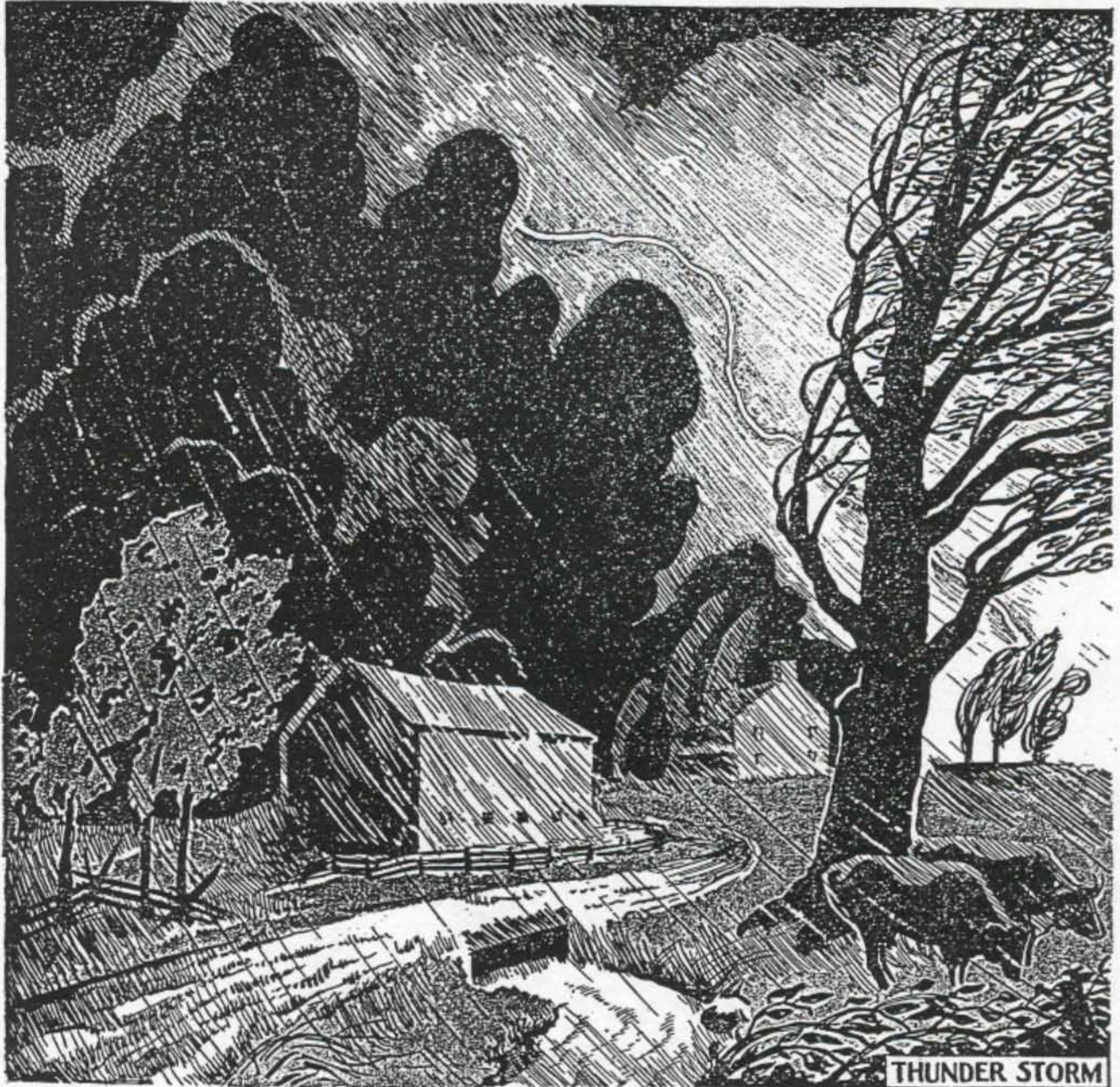
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Appetizers

Peasants Were Delighted



The latest Hitler story bears on the Nazi tendency to try to curry favor with the peasants.

Hitler, Goering and Goebbels were traveling by car through a German countryside, when they ran over a pig and killed it in front of a farmhouse. It was decided that Goering should carry in the pig, apologize to the peasant, and offer compensation. He did so, and a few minutes later returned to the car with his arms full of gifts, including a quantity of sausage, a goose, some bottles of wine, and a smoked ham.

"Gott in Himmel!" said Hitler in surprised tones, "for whatever reason did you get those good things?"

"I am as surprised as you," said Goering, "I went into the house and said, 'Heil Hitler, the swine is dead.'"

"Nevermore!"

The landlady of a popular boarding house in the mountains made a point of asking her departing guests to write something in her visitor's book.

"But there is one thing I can't understand," she confided to a friend, "and that is what a sour-looking man put in the book after stopping here. People always smile when they read it."

"What was it?" queried the other.

The landlady replied: "He wrote only the words, 'Quoth the Raven.'"—*Labor*.

Bright Idea

Employer—James, you were brought home in a sorry state last night. How do people know where you live?

Butler—I always carry some of your visiting cards on me, sir.—*Toronto Globe and Mail*.

Drawing the Line

Stern Parent (to applicant for daughter's hand)—Young man, can you support a family?

Young Man (meekly)—I only wanted Sarah!—*Tit-Bits*.

Truth to Tell

It is not always wise to tell all one knows, but it is well to know all one tells.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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A Mighty Catholic in the "Pit" (In Three Parts—Part 1)

JUNE 3, 1939, marked the end of a judicial career. On that date Martin T. Manton, ex-U.S. judge, described by the press as "the highest ranking judicial officer of this country next to the nine Justices of the Supreme Court", 'the 10th old man,' and a Catholic pre-eminent in church affairs, was found guilty of selling his judicial decisions for monetary consideration.

What follows may seem stranger than fiction, yet true, and in its preparation I was reminded of the words of the Lord Jesus: "And whosoever shall exalt himself, shall be abased"; and of the further words of the psalmist: "Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; . . . he made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made." Thus is foretold in Holy Writ the end of all who presume to plot the downfall of the righteous; and of that the more abundant proof later.

About the crash of Manton, convicted, it is believed, on the first ballot, of "selling justice for cash", the Catholic press are completely silent. It is amazing that such heralds of Manton's praise when he held, simultaneously with judicial honors, the Papal "creation" of "Knight of St. Gregory"; appointment as delegate to the International Eucharistic Congress at Amsterdam in 1924; positions as president of the Catholic Club of New York, president of the Catholic Club for International Peace, leader of the Knights of Columbus, and contributor of note to various law and Catholic periodicals, are, at this the conviction of the most honored judge of New York, found wanting in any Catholic comment whatsoever.

Not so reticent as the Hierarchy's combined news agencies, the *New York Journal and American*, issue of June 4, 1939, furnishes the following biographical notes on the career of Manton:

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HIGH IN RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL CIRCLES

During his years on the bench Judge Manton has become well known in social and religious circles. In July, 1924, he represented the Catholic laymen of the United States in the International Eucharistic Congress in Amsterdam, and he has been president of both the Catholic Club and the Catholic Association for International Peace.

His distinguished legal record has brought him honorary degrees from such institutions as Fordham University, Manhattan College, New York University and the University of Vermont. [All of which are Catholic.]

This silence on the part of the Catholic press is even more amazing to those who take seriously their patriotic fervor and flag-waving. Though allowing the extravagant plenitude of news columns to howling about the dangers to the country of Christian children who choose to serve God rather than give obeisance to a man-made flag; and while blatantly raving about Judge Rutherford as a violator of the Espionage Law which he did not violate; and honoring Manton with all encomium and praise as a great Catholic American who kept eight 'pernicious Russellites' in prison by denying them the bail which the court has generously allowed to Manton himself; while in this the Catholic Church papers of America have spared neither space nor vicious epithet, they have overlooked an unusual opportunity to praise the carriage of justice. They blandly pass up a marvelous chance to wave the flag in approval at the conviction of a criminal who dishonored every principle of law and betrayed in vilest manner the trust of the American nation. Now, when the Hierarchy's press might come forth with salvos for such square and honest Americans as Attorney General Murphy and "his hard-hitting young prosecutor, U. S. Attorney John T. Cahill", and really strike a blow for honesty in office by an editorial decrying the abuses of which Manton was convicted, no Catholic comment is made

on this important matter. When by plain statement they might place the Catholic press among the patriotic Americans who have a definite preference against their judges' accepting bribes and doing business in blackmail, their silence is conspicuously noticeable. Can it be that they do not consider it unpatriotic on the part of a Federal judge or any other judge to peddle his decisions and traffic in blackmail when he is a prominent Catholic? Does it not appear from their noncommittal that, in Catholic usage, "unpatriotic" means simply "critical" of the Roman Catholic Church and is never applied to a loyal son of Romanism, be he perjurer, briber, or thief?

As no adequate answers will ever come from the foremost professional patrioteers of America, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and her publicity agents, other sources will be presented to show the opinion of America generally as regards Manton's shockingly infamous conduct on the bench. In editorial comment the *New York Post*, issue of June 5, 1939, states under the title "The Mighty Fall":

Guilty!—of selling judicial decisions.

That verdict, convicting Martin T. Manton, resigned senior Justice of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, is one of the most important events of our times . . .

No one knows precisely how many decisions Manton sold from the Federal bench, in exchange for money in the form of "loans". But the sums run into hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the trail of intertwined cash and favorable court orders is long and intricate.

. . . Manton is the highest ranking judicial officer ever to stand trial in the United States on criminal charges . . .

Preparation of this case by Murphy's department, with the help of J. Edgar Hoover, was a magnificent job—and a job almost unbelievably difficult. If Manton hadn't become careless in his later dealings it is possible that a case never could have been proved against him. . . . Perhaps we need also to get back to the old belief that a seat on the bench is a great honor conferred—and not an opportunity for hitch-hikers on the path of self-aggrandisement.

The sincerity of a man's words is measured, not by the volume of his speech, but by his action when called upon to test out his statements. One of the leading Catholic periodicals has this slogan: "We recommend patriotism and have favored it constantly in our press." This same periodical, in conformity with all other press agencies of the pope, has nothing to say about the fine and patriotic work of Dewey, Attorney General Murphy, U. S. Prose-

cutor Cahill, and Intelligence Officer Edgar Hoover, for their excellent public service in bringing an arch criminal to justice. Why?

As long as Manton accepted bribery and defrauded and dishonored the American nation, thus smirching the flag he had sworn to uphold, and divided the spoils with the Catholic church, all was well. Now that Manton has been exposed and found guilty, his partners in Catholic Action have nothing to say about the triumph of justice; they are as silent as all other gangsters when one of the mob is sentenced to "stir" (which gangster expression means to be incarcerated in the jail).

It seems that there is nothing too despicable or mean for a man to do when he has the pope's promise to give him absolution before he commits a crime. It is so simple to decide to do any base action when all you have to do is pay over a few dollars to the pope and he will make a conspiracy with God, and you can go right on in further wicked work, repeating and repeating as long as the "holy father" gets his share. What follows is a highlight on what Manton thought should be done with anyone who committed a misdemeanor without the pope's O.K.;

In one case, the record shows, Judge Manton sentenced a man to the Federal penitentiary for a year after he was found guilty of selling one-half pint of whiskey to some soldiers.—*New York Journal and American* June 4, 1939.

Here are some further highlights quoted from the same issue which express the opinion of the judge and prosecutors:

Judge Chesnut: "This is a case of supreme import both to the Government and the defendants. The confidence of the public in the integrity of the courts must not be impaired. . . . Believe I ballot convicted Manton. The impression gathered afterwards was that the jurors had required only one ballot to reach their decision as to Manton, and that any delay had been caused by a question as to Spector's guilt."

Cahill: "One of the most monstrous plots to buy and sell justice, in this very Temple of Justice, was born and hatched within the very four walls of this court house. It was turned into a counting house, where justice and decisions were bought and sold. We must drive the money changers from the temple. . . . Any judge who accepts gifts or other consideration is not carrying out that oath he swore to. Our citizens would no longer have faith in our courts. . . . There was no more honor among Manton's group than there would be in a group of common thieves. Manton did not hesitate to peddle and prostitute the duties of his high court."

District Attorney Dewey, J. Edgar Hoover,

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chief of the G-men, Attorney General Murphy, and "hard-hitting" Prosecutor Cahill deserved and received high commendation and praise. Did the Roman Catholic press add their plaudits to these men for excellent service? THEY DID NOT! Evidently cleaning up the foulest sort of corruption that could possibly soil and degrade American courts of justice is not considered patriotic in the Catholic sense.

One who is bred in the Catholic school of bribery never changes his spots. On June 20, and just before Judge Chesnut gave Manton the maximum sentence, it is recorded in the *New York World-Telegram* that—

For more than an hour Manton pleaded ineffectively for the setting aside of the jury's verdict, declaring that he had not had a fair trial, that witnesses against him were persons without honor, and that his career had been spotless. . . . Manton winced when he later heard the court's opinion of his long plea. . . . Judge Chesnut said: "I have not heard this morning any new points that had not heretofore been considered. They should be considered, but do not go to the real merit of the case on the facts."

Judge Chesnut continued: "What I feel I should say in this case is intended to be purely impersonal. The charge which the verdict of a jury has found to be true is obstructing justice and defrauding the United States of an important governmental function. The maximum penalty is a fine of \$10,000 and 2 years imprisonment. In view of the nature of the case the maximum sentence may seem to the public inadequate. The indictment is not based on the federal statute to punish judicial bribery, which provides a penalty of \$20,000 and fifteen years in prison. Possibly the government may have elected to try this case on the conspiracy statute because of the greater latitude possible in the submission of evidence."

"Viewing the evidence as a whole, my interpretation is this: Here we have a defendant of high personal position and great personal fortune. He found it invested in equities which came under the

threat of a financial depression. He violated the most fundamental feature of judicial office—absolute impartiality. He agreed to use the power and influence of his great position to acquire large sums of money to bolster up his failing fortune.

"It is abhorrent to our conception of public office that a judge should be influenced for the purpose of profit. . . .

"This case has shocked the public, generally, but it has shocked even more the bench and the bar. . . .

"There has been no such conspicuous parallel since Francis Bacon, who was Chancellor of England 300 years ago, was deprived of his office under similar circumstances.

My sentence is that the defendant Manton shall be remitted to the custody of the Attorney General for imprisonment for two years and for a fine of \$10,000."

Manton's slimy trail stained by the transactions of bartered justice earned him the title of "commercial judge". His dealings in blackmail involved many wealthy corporations. Of the many shady deals and openly thieving deals, in which Manton acted as chief conspirator, he was actually convicted of receiving \$186,000 for six decisions. As a gangster Catholic Manton was really in the big money. Note this explanation of the situation as quoted from the *N. Y. Times* of June 5, 1939:

The methods Judge Manton was charged with using were almost incredibly brazen. His prosecutor, while not excusing the litigants who made payments to him, points out that many of them were themselves the victims of blackmail. They were told they would have to pay or, if they did not, collections would be made from the other side. "Blackmail was emanating from the Federal court house."

In other words, selling decisions was in itself a little too slow for Manton, so he had a bag man go out and threaten and blackmail the litigants in order to get them in the bag. Here was not the case of a judge who fell



A Knight of St. Gregory due for another gorgeous uniform—equally meritorious

from a course of strict honesty through the importunities of a litigant who desired to pay voluntarily for a favorable decision; here was a highway robber on the bench who created his opportunity and solicited by foulest threats, lowering himself beneath the custom of a prostitute who pimps for her hire.

One of the chief parties to these felonious transactions, namely, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, is for once absent from the flag-wavers, her comment being nil. It seems rather a pity, too, as here would be a rare opportunity to demonstrate altruistic patriotism. The Catholic press might come forward even with the suggestion that, since the "church" has been one of the chief beneficiaries of Manton's bountiful gifts, she might at least pay the \$10,000 fine to the government and reimburse some of the litigants whom he held up and robbed. Perhaps the Catholic press might take this into consideration and see what could be done.

However villainous were Manton's acts in polluting the courts of justice by reducing them to a blackmail mart, he was a chief actor in another and worse conspiracy, not against powerful corporations nor individuals of wealth, but against Christian men standing for principle; and his action in this regard, it seems, had much more to do with his present degradation. Manton's recent exposure and downfall is an amazing example of the retributive justice the Scriptures emphasize as certain to overtake those who fight against God's servants.

This earlier act occurred before many of the readers of *Consolation* were born. But the Lord has not forgotten, nor until Manton and all of like stripe have been wiped out will the record be marked "Satisfied" on the books of Heaven. In the stormy years of the World War, when prejudice and passion were at fever pitch, a group of conspirators took advantage of the times to carry into operation a conspiracy to rid the "religious world" of an organization, namely, the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, which was then and still is devoted to telling the people of God's kingdom. The plot was aimed at Judge Rutherford and seven other officials of the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY as the best means of wiping out the publication of Scriptural truths which interfered too much with "religious practices". In this conspiracy the Hierarchy's Manton was a leading actor.

The "wrong" that these eight Christians

committed was this: They acted to uphold the laws of Jehovah by preaching the Bible truths that God's law forbids Christians, wholly devoted to God, from killing men in unrighteousness. As the religionists of America and their clerical leaders were deeply involved in the bloodshed of the World War by advocating the war from their pulpits, the unanswerable statements from the Bible greatly angered them. So the plot was devised to stop the exposure by "getting" Rutherford and others considered leaders in spreading the gospel of God's kingdom. In this work the Roman Catholic Hierarchy took the lead, and, following their usual custom, advanced the "Protestant" churches and clerics as their pawn while staying behind the scenes, represented, however, by such tools as Manton and others of like ilk.

The insidious results are not simply another miserable chapter of judicial prejudice on the part of Manton. The eight Christians above mentioned were tried in the District Court of Eastern New York (the details of which mis-trial appear later), and convicted of violation of the Espionage Law, and seven of the defendants sentenced to eighty (!) years in the Federal penitentiary. Unlike the generosity allowed Manton by his own trial judge, bail was refused these men pending hearing on their appeal; and this refusal was made once by Manton himself without assigned reason. These Christians spent nine months in the Atlanta penitentiary as a result of this infamous conspiracy, and when the case came at last before Manton, Rogers and Ward, justices of the Appellate Court, and was reversed by the prevailing opinion, *Manton dissented*.

Why are the details of this conspiracy so vital for the people of America to know now? Because at the present time the clergy of the Catholic system, having no excuse to offer for carrying on their racket, attempt to divert attention from themselves by abusing Judge Rutherford, calling him an ex-convict, well knowing that the reversal of the judgment of the lower court proved him innocent and that he *never was a convict*. The clergy caused him to be falsely charged, and now try to take advantage of their own wrongdoing by pointing to his trial in order to shield themselves from exposure.

Because they have done this, and not to vindicate Judge Rutherford, who needs no vindication before his God, *Consolation* has

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asked him in an interview to give the people the facts. This amazing disclosure is now presented.—Elton Groves.

[This remarkable statement of facts will appear in the next issue of *Consolation*. Preserve this copy and read both issues together.]

John Bull and Uncle Sam



THE occasion of the recent visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to America, and particularly their side trip into the United States, is expected to strengthen the opposition to isolation in Congress. Obviously the tendency of the visit would be to bind the two English-speaking peoples more closely together. That's why Britain's statesmen arranged the visit.

England, always looking for the main chance, is not averse to using the United States as a good thing; and while Uncle Sam cannot be said to be moved always by altruistic and irreproachable motives, yet in the field of diplomacy John Bull is a past master, while Uncle Sam is a novice at best.

The recent trade treaty between the United States, Canada and England illustrates very well that it is comparatively simple to take things away from a junior, in which class Uncle Sam, despite his adult sobriquet, still finds himself. It all goes to show that in the coming Armageddon, the United States will not escape the general line-up. While apparently guileless in matters diplomatic, the United States, as much as other nations, is controlled by Mammon. Meanwhile, in the international game of monopoly, England for the moment seems to have some interesting advantages.

In this connection the following comment on the Trade Treaty with England, in the San Francisco *Examiner*, is worthy of note:

THE TRADE TREATY WITH ENGLAND

The Hull trade treaty between the United States, England and Canada simply comes to this:

We have delegated our tariff-making power to England.

England now holds in the hollow of her hand the industrial well-being of America.

England's whole economic aim for 150 years has been to achieve free trade with the United States.

With Secretary Hull's assistance she has at last gained her end.

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England is, in fact, legislating for us—over the heads of our own people and their representatives in Congress, just as she did with Ireland.

England is treating the United States very much as it did Ireland. It seeks to legislate our industries, as it did those of Ireland, out of existence.

England at least encountered the opposition of the courageous Irish, while our supine politicians co-operate with England's attack on our industry and labor, our wealth and our welfare.

They co-operate by the unconstitutional delegation of powers.

The Constitution of the United States says that "all bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives".

Not only did the American-British-Canadian tariff pact originate outside of the House of Representatives, but very little of it even originated in America.

It originated in England.

It was not ratified by the Senate, as the Constitution commands that all treaties shall be.

It was ratified by Secretary Hull, British Ambassador Sir Ronald Lindsay and Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King, sitting in conference.

Nothing touches our workers, industrialists and taxpayers closer than tariff duties—but they not only never voted on this Hull-British pact, but they had no say in its preparation.

No! England had all the say.

The Constitution further says that Congress (not England nor the secretary of state) shall "have power to regulate commerce with foreign nations".

Under this administration Congress regulates nothing.

It has delegated nearly all of its powers to officials who draw up measures in secret and then either mark them 'MUST' for Congressional rubber-stamping or they are, à la Hitler, proclaimed to be law by fiat—by and with the consent of England, which is the case in this recent Hull "treaty".

When the late Justice Cardozo said in the decision of the Supreme Court annulling the NRA "this is delegation run riot!" he did not dream that delegation would run to England.

It is high time that the Supreme Court took up the matter of the constitutionality of all of Mr. Hull's 19 trade pacts, seeing that the Congress of the United States has abdicated in favor of secret cabals ruled from London.

America's Mental Ailment—Fear



THE attitude of mind most in evidence in the United States today is one of fear. Particularly fear of the future.

In the last seven years the term "lack of confidence" in the business world has been printed billions of times in the press. It is assumed that confidence is a cause of business instead of being an effect of business. If confidence is the cause of business, why did the businessmen of this country lose confidence when once they possessed it? As they did in 1929 after they had overflowed with it? Isn't the answer to be found in the fact that is born of uncertainty and economic helplessness, plus ignorance?

The worker is afraid of the foreman, the foreman is afraid of the superintendent, the "supe" is afraid of the general manager, who likewise is afraid of the boss, the owner, or the board of directors.

The latter, in turn, in tens of thousands of cases, are afraid of the banker, and the bankers are afraid of each other. Fear is the dominant note of American business.

The small grocery keeper is afraid of the chain store, and the chain store is afraid of adverse legislation. The whole nation is afraid of its towering, mounting debts and does not know what else to do except to go in deeper.

The super-patriots are afraid that the Constitution is being violated, and the editors are all afraid of the Communists. The little businessman is afraid of "big business", and big business is afraid of any ideas except those that they are accustomed to. Fear is universal in this 'land of the free and the home of the brave'.

The rugged individualist is afraid to say what he thinks, and the thoughtful citizen is afraid that he doesn't think at all, and as a rule that is true. The great railroad magnates are afraid of receiverships and bankruptcy and also of other forms of transit. The average worker is afraid of being laid off, and the man past 40 is afraid of old age.

The conservative is afraid of the growth of radicalism, and the radical is afraid of what he calls the stupidity of the conservative. The rich citizen is afraid of the kidnaper, and in many cases afraid of his life; hence a body-guard. The upper world is afraid of the underworld, and the underworld is afraid of the police, and the average policeman's wife is

afraid that she might be a widow any hour of the day.

The small businessman (and often the big one) is afraid of the racketeer, and hence submits to blackmail; and the gangster is afraid of his fellow gangsters. That is why they shoot each other in the back.

The political economist in college and university is afraid to lay the actual facts of economic science before his students because he is afraid of the regents, and the regents are afraid to tell the truth or permit it to be taught for fear of the effects upon the prospective donations.

Fear as the chronic mental ailment of the American people is here to stay for "a long, long time". Its most dreadful form is the fear of poverty, which now is a continuous nightmare to millions of people who never knew its meaning seven years ago. Like Banquo's ghost, it will not down, and this generation may not see it end. Never in our history have so many power plants, machine shops, huge factories and industrial establishments dotted the land; never so much skill, never so much economic power, not half of it in use. Never, for the average worker, has life been so difficult since we left the frontier behind.

Fear is the modern Simon Legree, with his long, cruel whip. The average citizen is sorely confused as to the source of his misfortunes. The pulpit, press, radio, and all of the channels through which accurate economic information might possibly reach him are choked and barred. He cannot get the facts from any of the popular channels of communication, and the men who control these channels are afraid to discuss the causes of our national misfortunes because any thorough-going discussion of this matter will involve the question of legal privilege. They are afraid of the issue.

If this civilization vanishes from the earth, as it may (and if present tendencies are not arrested it will), its disappearance will be due to one disgraceful fact more than any other. It is the fact of sheer moral cowardice. What an inglorious finish is the realization that the epitaph that will be written on civilization's gravestone will read like this:

"Here lies civilization, a victim of suicide; dead, because too cowardly to live."—Henry H. Hardinge, in "Independent Food Business". *St. Louis Star Times*.

Aviation

Airplane Travel at \$1 an Hour



Railway travel at \$1 an hour is quite common. The train travels 50 miles an hour, at 2c a mile; and there you are. But airplane travel at the same rate per hour, and going twice as fast, is something new. But it was done. John M. Jones made a nonstop flight from Los Angeles to New York in 30 hours and 37 minutes at a carefully calculated cost of \$30.91. The plane weighed only 650 pounds empty, and there were but four cylinders in the ship. It was the longest trip ever made in so light a plane.

How Would You Explain It?

◆ Howard Hughes and his companions were absent from New York city slightly less than four days in their flight around the world. They were flying so fast towards the sun that each of their days was but nineteen hours long. They saw the sun rise five times in the four days they were away. Now, were they four days or five days making the flight? Did they add a day to their lives by flying around the world? What is your answer? What is a day, anyway?

Top Speeds for Airplanes

◆ Top speeds for airplanes are probably indicated by the speed of sound. Sound travels 725 miles per hour at zero, or 850 miles per hour at 60 degrees. When the sound waves tangle the propeller, faster speeds are unlikely. Meantime the aviators complain of loss of consciousness, hemorrhages and partial or complete loss of muscular control at speeds of even 400 miles an hour.

Copping's Pure Pluck

◆ At Seattle, Washington, George Copping had both legs amputated below the knee, and at the time of the amputation asked and was told that his most difficult line of endeavor thereafter would be to operate an airplane. He thereupon began to study and train for that work, and is now an aviator.

Trans-Canadian Air Mails

◆ Canada now has through air-mail service from Montreal to Vancouver, via Ottawa, Toronto, North Bay, Winnipeg, Regina and Lethbridge, in 20 hours.

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Too Many Crocodiles

◆ The Imperial Airways flying boat Ceres landed on Lake Dugari, India, because of bad weather, and chanced to find too many crocodiles for comfort. The captain shot two that were too inquisitive and too hungry, and then he and 24 natives towed the boat to deep water and it got away safely without harm to anybody. It was a remarkable experience, and Captain Gurney seemed to live up to the best traditions of British pluck in the hour of danger. The plane was in Lake Dugari eight days.

Berlin to New York and Return

◆ It is some satisfaction to Americans to know that the engines of the German plane that flew from Berlin to New York in 24 hours 57 minutes and returned in 19 hours 55 minutes were Pratt and Whitney engines, even though they were actually built in Bavaria under license by the American company.

Practical Use for Autogiro

◆ The autogiro, which has the ability to go straight up and come straight down, as well as to travel horizontally, is now used to transport air mail between the big airport at Camden, N.J., and the post office in Philadelphia. The planes land on the 360-foot roof of the Philadelphia post office.

700,000 Air Warriors

◆ It is claimed that by the end of the year 1939 there will be in Europe 700,000 young men, pilots, reserve pilots, mechanics, radio technicians, etc., qualified to go out and blow their fellow men into smithereens in the most approved style.

The New Bakelite Planes

◆ It is claimed that the new bakelite planes can be built twenty to thirty times as fast as those made of other materials, and that the perfect molding of the parts enables the plane to travel at 35 miles an hour greater speed.

Strength of Air Forces

◆ Russia has 4,000 first-line planes, Germany 3,500, France 2,500, Great Britain 2,000, Italy 2,000, and Poland 550.

Denizens of Air and Water and Insect Land

Bird Banding



In order to learn as much as possible of the life and habits of birds, aluminum bands with certain markings are placed on the legs of many of them. When such birds are found, usually many miles from the place where they were banded, the information, and the band, may be sent to Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., to be registered. The Department of the Interior at Ottawa, Canada, also co-operates in this effort. Records indicate that few birds besides sparrows live more than six years.

The Female Phalaropes

♦ Canada has three varieties of phalaropes, or shore birds, all expert swimmers, and in each instance the females are larger, handsomer and wear brighter plumage than the males. In courtship the female phalarope makes the first advances toward her shy and modest prospective mate. After the poor devil has yielded to her blandishments, and she has laid her eggs, she makes the poor son-of-a-gun sit on the eggs until they are hatched. The male phalaropes just shouldn't stand for this kind of deal; and here is hoping if any of them read *Consolation* they will be men enough to arise and assert themselves.

40,000 Miles to the Pound

♦ It does not take so long for a robust, hard-working man to eat a pound of honey. Next time you do it you might take a moment to think that the bees flew 40,000 miles to take that nectar out of the heart of flowers, and that if the Creator had not made the flowers, and made the bees, and taught the bees how to gather the nectar and store it for you, you would not have had the honey. Every pound of honey represents millions of flowers; for the bee's load is only about one one-thousandth of an ounce of nectar on each trip.

Haddock Circumnavigate Globe

♦ Haddock with metal tabs attached to their fins have been known to circumnavigate the globe, though taking twenty years to do it. Other fish, like the whiting, never wander far from home.

Condor Flying Ability

♦ The condor keeps its young in its nest for a full year. They do not fly until they are a year old. But the mature condor is a marvelous flyer. Its power over the air is greater than that of the eagle. Its ability to remain motionless in mid-air or to circle about without the flicker of a wing is unequaled. Its wingspread is between 8½ and 11 feet.

This Whale Got Lost

♦ A 3½-ton whale got lost off the coast of England recently and made the mistake of swimming up the river Trent. He managed to get along fifty miles from the coast when he got stuck on a sand bank, and then some of those things called "men" came out and shot him sixteen times and towed his body ashore.

Crows Not Wholly Bad

♦ It must be admitted that crows eat grain and other things not intended for them; but they also devour large numbers of insects, and so serve a useful purpose. However, large flocks of them may do considerable damage, and at such times farmers cannot be blamed for warring on them.

Odd Accident in Tuna Fishing

♦ Off Freeport, N.Y., in July, Professor Wm. McTavish, of New York University, caught two large tuna fish on one line. There was a 50-pounder on the hook, and as the line was being drawn in a 63-pounder was caught by the tail in a tangle in the line, and both were brought into the boat at one time.

Ant Funeral Processions

♦ Ants are known to have funeral processions and to bury their dead in an orderly fashion. Two ants carry the body of the deceased to the burial ground, and all the mourners take a hand in digging the grave and covering the body.

On the Lookout for Insects

♦ On the lookout for dangerous insect pests, Government inspectors apprehend 1,339 recognized species, coming in by plane, ship and rail. About 100,000 specimens are collected annually.

Education

Gellermann and the Legion



The American Legion is not an expression of democratic, but rather an expression of entrenched business and military interests which attempt to hide their true purposes under democratic guise. It is dominated by a small group of reactionary leaders too powerful to be unseated. It is encouraging to observe that the average ex-service man is not now and never has been a member of the American Legion. Through use of stereotypes acceptable to the American middle-class mind, it seeks to prevent democratic change. In the promotion of war and Fascism the American Legion has done more than its share.—William Gellermann, associate professor of Education, Northwestern University.

Making Himself Ridiculous

♦ Making himself ridiculous, Colonel James A. Moss, president general of the United States Flag Association, published the information that when anybody in the house turns on the radio and the persons in the house hear the strains of the "Star Spangled Banner" everybody in the house should stand and uncover. Exceptions stated are that they need not do this if they are eating, telephoning, cooking, playing cards or bathing. So, now, the next time you are pruning your corns, or doctoring a sore toe, or attending to sundry other items of care of your anatomy, if you fail to rise on your toes, throw off the bed covers or what not and remain in an awe-struck attitude until the skit is finished, off to the hoosegow with you. Oh, yes, another way would be to shut off the radio. Still another way would be to take the axe and smash the blooming thing, anyway. Or you could write to Mr. Moss and tell him he gives you a pain in the neck. Or you could have the pain in the neck and not say anything about it to anybody. Maybe that would be the best way.

Boys Brotherhood Republic

♦ The Boys Brotherhood Republic of New York has its own mayor, city council, district attorney, police and health departments, and many committees. In the discharge of the duties of these various positions the boys learn how to deal with the civic problems that arise in actual life. It is manifestly the best way to teach civics.

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In One Thousand Languages

♦ The Bible (or portions of it) is now to be had in 1,000 languages. The one-thousandth language was Sakata, one of the 500 African tongues. Translations in thirteen more languages were under way when the Gospel according to John was printed in Sakata. The British and Foreign Bible Society has 900 colporteurs, and carries on its work in all lands except Russia and Afghanistan. The annual bill is around £250,000 a year for translating, revising, binding, transporting and distributing. The work is directly under the supervision of the Church of England.

Tonsils May Stay In

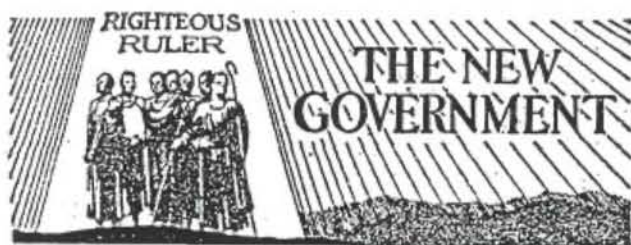
♦ Thousands of boys and girls are moldering into dust because they had their tonsils removed and died from the effects of the operation. Now the British Board of Education has decided that inasmuch as physicians have only hazy ideas as to what the tonsils are for, these works of the Creator's hand will now be permitted to stay in place unless they are diseased, and even then their removal will not be insisted on. The mania for chopping out parts of the human organism and thus 'healing all ailments' is gradually passing.

Ballyhooing Patriotism

♦ "American Way" opened recently and "The Star Spangled Banner" is played in the last scene. Why do they have to stuff patriotism down our throats that way? Isn't it possible that in ballyhooing patriotism with much the same formula that they ballyhoo Hollywood's beauties, some of the dignity of the emotion is lost? Your love for your country is akin to your love of life itself. And you don't have to be taught about that, once you've developed the capacity to think at all.—Newark Ledger.

National Broadcasting Company

♦ In the year 1937, gave gratis 22 presidential broadcasts, 18 to James Farley, 118 to New Deal congressmen, 149 to New Deal senators, 29 to Henry Wallace, and 203 to an assortment of other politicians whose favor it wishes to retain. It gives free time not only to political self-seekers, but also to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy racket, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the established Jewish hocus-pocus, and a few others.



A Use for Tiaras After All

◆ I will infringe upon your time to tell you why the patriarch Nicolas V did not put a profane hand upon the Lord's work by destroying Jehovah's witnesses once for all as they stated in their tracts and announcements that they would do.

It seems that this patriarch long ago was enticed by another more lucrative business and, not being contented with his salary of 120 pounds a month and with gifts worth double his salary, he associated himself with a metropolitan bishop and an archimandrite and with three others of the principal of his flock, and all together on a great scale engaged themselves in the smuggling of opium. Their business prospered because the merchandise was hid in the high caps or tiaras of the priests and in the crown of the patriarch. So they were full of joy and as good religionists they were spreading their drug to poison their fellow men. The short trips of the patriarch and Co. were to first find the merchandise and then to dispose of it among the people. Lately Alexandria and Cairo had been flooded with narcotics.

But the time came and the authorities caught the three of them and, through them and others who were not paid enough in the disposing of the drug, discovered the others. A good many kilograms were found inside the tiara of the representative of the Greek Orthodox church and under the clothes of his retinue. The patriarch said that it did not belong to him but was put there by his companion in travel. These were unhindered in their dirty work: the law forbids anyone to take off their high caps or to search their baggage.

The Egyptian Government called the am-

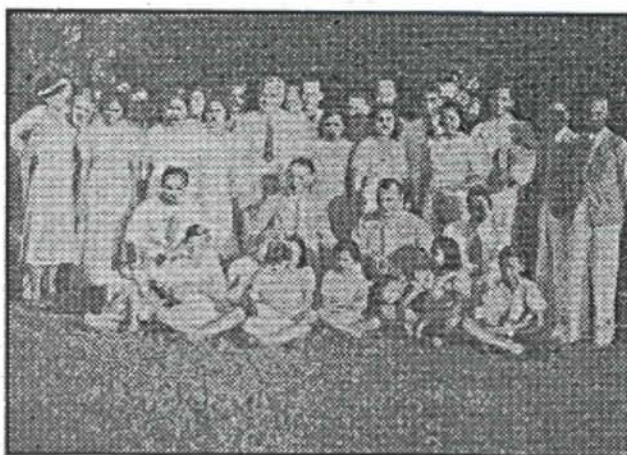
bassador of Greece and entrusted to his care the examination of the patriarch. He in turn insulted the patriarch severely, even calling him "goat priest" because he had exposed to ridicule the whole nation on account of his shameful deed. The same night he was found dead in his bath tub, and the rumor went out that he was self-poisoned.

Just before this uncovering of the patriarch announcement was made in the Greek and the French press that a united effort of all denominations would be put forth to stop all religious propaganda and that this work would be taken up by the government.

It seems that there is yet a great work ahead of Jehovah's Kingdom publishers, so that the joyful message may be brought to the other sheep, and they may find food and safety. —L. Psaroudis, Egypt.

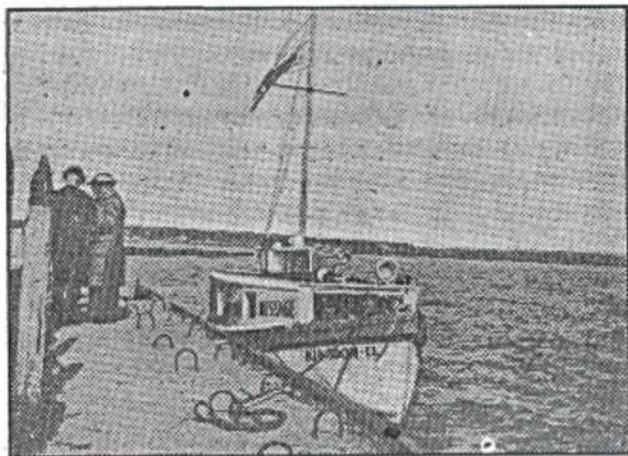
Persecution of Witnesses in Greece

◆ In the past three years many of Jehovah's people were before the courts in Greece. When released by the magistrates they were rearrested and exiled. Five were exiled from Crete, and one sister was imprisoned three months because she brought a Bible to her brother in the prison—held there for Jehovah's name.



In a village near Cavala four witnesses were arrested and exiled to the island of Folegrandos. This was done at the instigation of the clergy and one of the "evil servant" class. When the wife of one of these exiles asked the governor to give her an affidavit of poverty, that her husband might get 10 drachmas (13 cents) a day for his support, as they were poor, the governor not only refused to grant her request, but slapped her hard on the face and afterwards boasted of it to a high clergyman.

Many witnesses were arrested and sentenced to prison for failure to comply with the law that all books must be stamped with the seal of the church authorities of Athens. Books have been seized and destroyed, mail is being watched, and meetings of God's people must be held clandestinely, if at all.—Aristodemos Frudarakis.



Kingdom II—at the dock, Quebec

A Doer as Well as a Reader

◆ I am writing to you to ask if you received my letter about three weeks ago subscribing for the *Consolation* magazine. In case it has not been received by you, I have had one or two lent to me; and I am thankful to Jehovah. I am for them, and according to the one I have now it would be possible for me to take part in spreading the Kingdom message by the offer made on the back cover of *Consolation*. Enclosed find five shillings for 40 *Face the Facts*, 2 *Enemies* and 1 *Riches*.

My present occupation takes me among many people, and I have always done my best when the chance arose, and it has many times, to help, by God's grace, to tell them the good news of the Kingdom and the battle of God Almighty so near, whereby they may find protection.—M. M., Britain.

A Note from Ottawa

◆ We put in two hours last night doing the Chinese laundries and restaurants. All together, we placed fifteen Chinese *Riches*, and found the proprietors very nice to witness to. Some had the book, well used and marked. Their favorite expression was "Good book!"

For the past two weeks the special pioneers have been working in Eastview, the section whence came the hoodlums to disrupt our convention at the Coliseum last September. As a result of those disorders the pioneers placed more literature and had more phonograph setups than in any other part of the city. The people are enraged at the tactics displayed by their "church".

The "White Fathers" bought 65 acres of the best land there and are building one of the finest churches in Canada. The labor, of

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course, is of the most poorly paid kind, members of their own parish. One man with a very large family spied some potatoes in the cellar of a house they were dismantling, to make way for the new church. He asked the priest if he might have them, and what do you think they did?—threw all the debris from the excavations over them. That was his answer. The pioneers say the whole community is in an uproar about it, and other incidents.

One pioneer says he was playing French records in a French Catholic home; a woman came downstairs with a *Cure* booklet held high in her hand, and called out, "This is what I believe from now on."—Janet Horne.

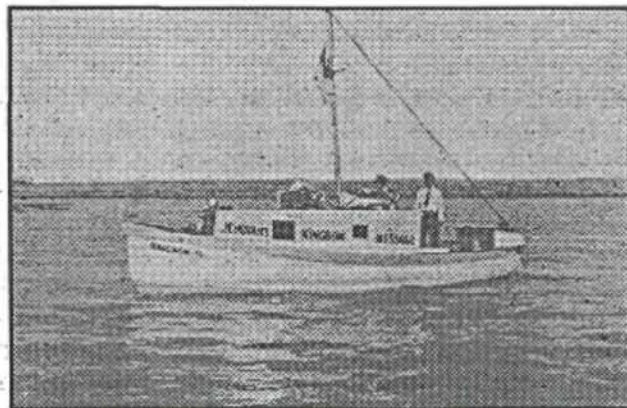
Showing Lancashire How to Do It

Kingdom House, Bradford, Yorkshire, England, is the first pioneer home outside London to be organized in the British Isles. It is situated in an area in which there is a population of more than two million. There are also ten companies of Jehovah's witnesses closely packed together in this area.

The home was completed and commenced work on January 1, 1939, its establishment having been announced the previous October at the zone No. 23 assembly at Leeds. It is large enough to comfortably accommodate thirteen pioneers. These pioneers devote their time to calling upon the people in this area, and working up back-calls among the interested. Their combined field service report for the months of January, February and March is as follows:

Books, 274; booklets, 8,870; peak of publishers, 12; hours, 3,608; average hours, 112.5; attendance, 5,232; back-calls, 263.

The sound attendance was achieved entirely by the use of the phonograph, no transcription machine having been used.



Kingdom II—out in the river, Quebec

The witnesses all rise at 7:00 a.m., and leave the house for field service at 8:45. The home is cleaned and kept in order by them, different ones being scheduled to perform different duties each week. On Monday night there is a *Watchtower* study, and on Thursday they attend the service meetings of the neighboring companies.

These pioneers often cycle ten miles to their territory before commencing work, in order to visit some of the outlying territory.

This arrangement has proved to be a great help and stimulus to the work in this area.

On April 23, an assembly of Jehovah's witnesses living in zone No. 23 was held. York is one of the principal seats of religion in this country. The enormous cathedral, known as York Minster, is one of the best known in this country, the present buildings being traced back to the beginning of the thirteenth century. It was considered fitting that a mass demonstration

against religion should be made by Jehovah's people on this occasion. Following the afternoon session of the assembly, and at about the time of the close of the afternoon service at the Minster, three hundred of Jehovah's witnesses, wearing placards announcing "Religion is a snare and a racket", marched in a procession more than a mile and a half long to the Minster. The marchers completely surrounded the building, while the people were coming out, filing slowly past the entrance. Clergymen seemed to be in evidence everywhere, and the expressions on their faces showed that they were sorely shocked.

When half the column had made a complete circuit, the gates were locked on us, and the remaining half was compelled to double back. This proved even more effective, as it resulted in a double line passing the main entrance for the second time.

The disgust, wrath and indignation of the religionists was clearly shown, one, a canon, angrily approaching one of the marchers. We look forward to the time when this building, together with all others of its kind, will lie

in a heap of ruins, as a testimony to Jehovah's wrath against devil religion.—A. C. Attwood, England.

Echoes of the Storm at Oldham

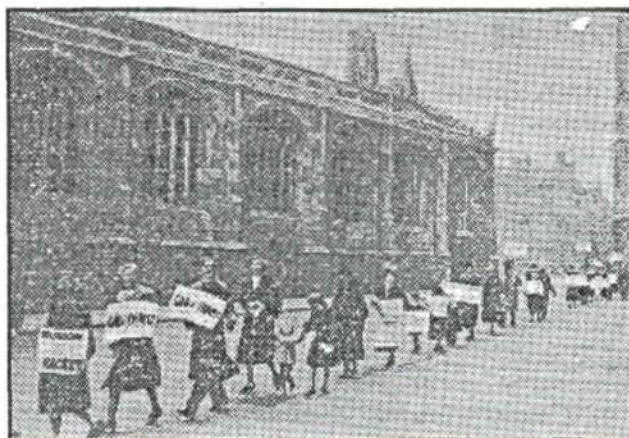
"If you have more leaflets than you require concerning the Oldham Interference we should be pleased to receive a supply, as we have practically exhausted ours and a real good time we have had with them. We have had many cases where the people have refused the booklets but after reading the leaflets the husbands have sent their wives running after us for

books to get to know more about it. One lady waited half an hour on the pavement last Saturday for me to return and asked for more information concerning the leaflet. I heard tell of one old man taking the leaflet to work and reading it out to his fellow workers and saying it must be true because the actual names and addresses of people were on it. We have had other cases of

people waiting for us to come back their way and also running after us returning the leaflet, even throwing it at us, shouting, 'A pack of lies, and you'll get into trouble over this lot.' But this course of action has only excited the curiosity of onlookers and given us an opportunity to prove the true statement of facts on the leaflet. Another man said, 'Well, it's true; I agree wholeheartedly—but my word, I'm afraid there'll be trouble over it, and I hope you're prepared for the worst; for you can't escape.'—W. Kay.

A retailers' association in Oldham wrote for a supply of leaflets to assist in their distribution. The large Blind Institute had its secretary write for a good supply so that they also could distribute them. From Glasgow the Orange Lodge wrote in for 800 copies of the Clydebank leaflet to distribute to all the Orange Lodges in the country. The Glasgow Protestant Defense League also wrote in for a large supply and have been accommodated.

[The way Jehovah's Kingdom interests in Britain are now being looked after by His publishers there is inspiring to all.—Ed.]



Part of 1½ mile march of Jehovah's Kingdom publishers encircling York Minster, headquarters of archbishop of York

Jehovah's Witnesses Persecuted

◆ In a card sent through the mails to a *Consolation* subscriber, Albert Mitchell, known as "The Answer Man" of Radio Station WOR, 1440 Broadway, New York, makes the following statement of the conditions now confronting Christian people in the land of their birth unless they become pagans like those who hail Hitler:

Educationally it might possibly be said that Jehovah's witnesses are persecuted. Since they, in their religion, refuse to salute any object other than God, and since certain school laws require that all students salute the American flag, there have been instances in which children have been removed from school, have been punished, and made to stay after school; have, in other words, been persecuted because they, firm in their belief, have refused to salute the American flag. We have had instances of this before in this country, but as a nation we have always solved the problem, allowing to each the freedom of his beliefs and adjusting our rules of behavior, liberalizing them so that he may stand firm in the faith of his religion and yet remain a good American citizen. The best example of this is in the case of the Quakers, who, because of their religion, cannot swear to anything; and so, today, it is possible for a president of the U. S. not to swear in taking office, but merely to affirm.—Albert Mitchell.

Unique Experience with a Vicar

◆ Did you know that I took the Lenten service at the parish church at H—— the other Wednesday evening? It came about in this way. In the course of the witness work I called at the vicarage and was asked in by the vicar. We had a long talk, and in the end he took some literature. Then he said to me, "Would you have a talk with my mother next Wednesday on these things?" Of course I readily agreed to do so. The following Wednesday

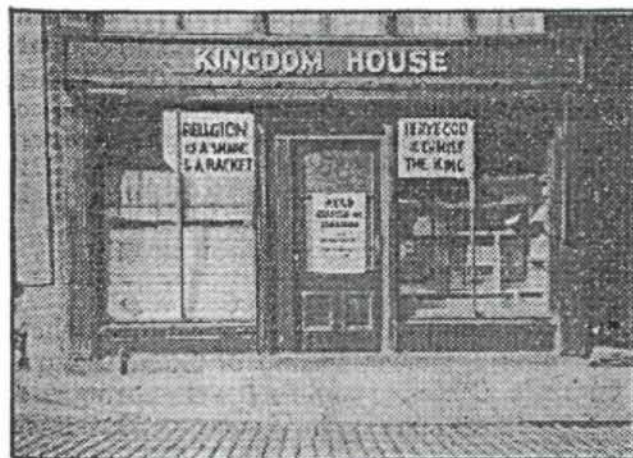
night, therefore, I called at the vicarage and was met by the vicar's wife, who frostily informed me that he was across at the church. Going there, I was escorted to the front by "His Reverence", and then the vicar said to me, "I will give you a quarter of an hour to address the congregation; if the bishop knew, I should get the sack."

Then I saw it all. I had been mistaken. I was not to speak to his mother, but to the mothers' meeting and their friends, men included. Imagine my feelings; for I had never spoken in public before. Then I remembered the scripture, "I have put my words in thy mouth." So, standing up, I said, "Friends, I am more used to speaking to you at your doers concerning God's kingdom"; and that helped me. For fifteen minutes I told them of the truth, of the unfaithfulness of the clergy, and of the unscriptural doctrines taught by men. Meantime the vicar's wife was looking daggers at me. When I had finished, the vicar said, "Well, our speaker evidently means that we should get back to the Bible; and I must say I agree with her."—As told by a witness to F. R. Freer, England.

An Austrian Priest Miscalculates

◆ The events here set forth took place before the Anschluss (Austria's union with Germany).

In an Austrian village lived a young married couple and their little boy. The parents were zealous witnesses of Jehovah. The villagers, incited by the local priest, manifested continual hatred towards these preachers of righteousness, treating them as enemies and infidels. Then a sudden blow befell the young couple: their little two-year-old son died.



Kingdom House, Bradford, Yorkshire, England, pioneers and transportation outfits
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Instead of showing sympathy to the bereaved parents, this sad loss merely provided the clergy with a further opportunity to show their ill-will. They declared that the child was a little heathen, and denied the parents the right to bury their baby in their so-called "consecrated Christian cemetery". The funeral undertakers, at the instigation of the clergy, also refused their assistance, so that the parents had to carry their dead infant from their home to the cemetery, an hour's journey, and then had to bury him themselves outside the cemetery wall.

Shortly after, the grave was ornamented with a large headstone on which the father, an artist of some skill, had painted a beautiful sunny landscape. In the foreground of the scene, bathed in sunlight, was his little boy in the middle of a flower-spangled meadow, and underneath were the following words:

Death is the great enemy of the human race. The dread it inspires would hasten our end, were we unaware that Christ died to redeem mankind from the tomb. Behold the time is coming when those who are in the grave shall hear the voice of the Savior, and shall return to the earth as human creatures, and enjoy God's glorious sunshine. He who has given this promise is faithful. He will lay the foundations of a new earth wherein shall dwell righteousness. You also, our little Fridolin, will come back* and we will sing together songs of praise to Jehovah, the great Life-giver.

And now the grave of the little child, once despised as a heathen, has become an attraction. From far and near people come to look at the beautiful picture, and to read the moving epitaph, the language of which, all can see, is far from that of an ungodly man. Numerous are the inquirers who then go and ask the parents of little Fridolin the precise meaning of those remarkable resurrection promises engraved on their little one's tombstone.

And so the parents have the joy of explaining to these inquiring souls, hungering and thirsting for truth, the precious Scriptural promises, and of showing from the Bible that before long Christ will destroy religion and religious practitioners, and will reign over the earth, instead of the Devil, giving life to the righteous.

* A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. Thus saith the Lord, Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy.—Jeremiah 31: 15, 16; Matthew 2: 16-18.

The great joy these messengers of the Most High experience in thus enlightening their fellow men consoles them in momentarily having lost their child, whose death has indirectly served to bear witness to the glory of the Lord.

This little story demonstrates once again how the clergy, in their desire to hurt the Lord's people, often overreach themselves. "The Lord disappointeth the devices of the crafty, and taketh the wise in their own craftiness."—From the French *Consolation*.

[There are more ways of preaching the gospel than standing up in a box under a steeple, wailing like a pup with a sore ear and then making another yelp for more money.—Ed.]

The Dark Age in Montreal

"Sir,—Last week police raided the meeting house of Jehovah's witnesses on Hutchinson Street. As I read this in the *Star* my mind went back to Lewes, Sussex, England, near where I was born. Where the poor deluded Spanish queen burnt men and women who did not bow down to her religion. Where the Frenchman Simon De Montfort fought and defeated the English king at the battle of Lewes, and afterwards instituted what we know as the British institution the Mother of Parliaments, and with it free speech. On September 11 of last year Judge Rutherford, president of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, now known also as Jehovah's witnesses, spoke to an audience of nearly 11,000 in the Royal Albert Hall, London, England. Several days before the lecture, the president of the British branch of Jehovah's witnesses whose headquarters is 34 Craven Terrace, W.2., received information that Oswald Mosley, friend of Hitler, intended to lead his black shirts to the Albert Hall and stop the meeting. Scotland Yard was informed, who sent the following reply to the British president:

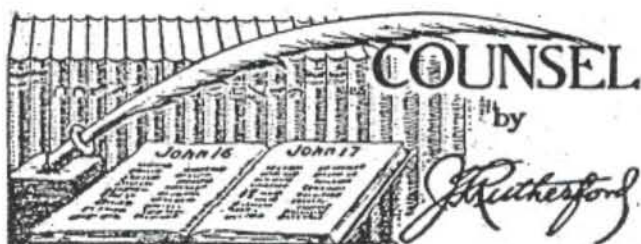
'Sir, in reply to your letter of the 29th August, I am directed by the Commissioner of Police of the metropolis to inform you that the necessary police arrangements will be made Sunday 11th September, in connection with the meeting to be held by your Society in the Royal Albert Hall.

'I am your obedient servant,

"In the heart of the British Empire, where once upon a time a bishop of London burnt Tyndale's Bibles, people's hearts throb with the joy of free speech. In Quebec men are mice.

—Anti-humbag." (Montreal)

(To be continued)



State vs. Jehovah

THE early settlers of America sincerely trusted in Jehovah God. The rulers of European countries under the influence of the Devil made it impossible for the people to freely worship God, and the result was that the sincere men who could escape fled to the wilds of America and there founded a nation where they might worship God in freedom and according to their own conscience and without fear or hindrance. The principles of freedom of worship were embodied in the fundamental law of the new land of America. For years thereafter the legislative and judicial departments of the government put Almighty God and His Word above the state, and when a law was proposed or was enacted which was contrary to the Word of Almighty God, that law was declared by the courts to be void and of none effect.

Since 1918, which date marks the end of the World War, the woes upon the nations, including America, have greatly increased, and such is exactly as foretold by the Lord concerning this time, and the reason therefor is given in these words: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." —Revelation 12:12.

The nations of Europe, which have professed to serve God, have fallen entirely away from God. Cruel and arbitrary dictators have taken over the control of Europe. Freedom of worship of Almighty God is denied the people by such dictators. All of such totalitarian governments put the State, or government, above Jehovah God and command all the people to obey the state even though obedience to the state laws requires them to violate God's law. It is Satan, the god of this wicked world, who has instilled in the minds of such dictators the demand to put the state above Jehovah God. Satan knows that his time is short, and he is determined to plunge all the nations into destruction.

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In the United States, at one time the boasted land of freedom, the ruling powers are now moving along the same course of European dictators. This is due to the religious influence particularly exercised from the Vatican. Freedom of worship is denied the people. Laws are enacted compelling the observance of certain religious formalism and which practice is in violation of God's law. When the question is raised that the law under consideration is in violation of God's law, judges of the courts hold, contrary to what judicial decisions formerly held and decided, that the people must yield to the state. They make no distinction between religion and Christianity, and since religious leaders follow and obey the state in preference to the Lord God, both the politicians and the leading religionists put the state above or superior to the Almighty God.

Centuries ago Jehovah gave to his devoted people his law to safeguard them from the Devil influence, and therefore commanded that they should not bow down to or worship any thing or creature, because the same would be idolatry and against God. The covenant people of Jehovah, the Israelites, were later carried away to foreign lands, and there were required to salute and bow down to and give obeisance to a thing created by the state. Some of those faithful Jews refused to obey that law of the state, and were cast into a fiery furnace, as a punishment, but the power of Almighty God protected them and they came forth from the furnace without harm. (Daniel 3:1-28) That was a striking example of how God protects those that trust in Him and refuse to yield to the devil religion.

In America, where Fascism or totalitarian rule is rapidly coming to the fore, fanatical religionists attempt to compel school children who believe in God and in Christ to salute the flag and sing so-called "patriotic songs" and thus give worship to a thing and obeisance to a creature or thing. Such is a violation of God's law; and when the nation insists that such law of the land must be obeyed regardless of one's faith in God, that nation is putting the state above Jehovah God. Beyond any question of doubt the practice of compulsory flag-saluting shows that many of the states of America, and the nations, are now putting the state above Jehovah God. Thus America takes her place amongst those nations which have forgotten God. And what shall be the result? "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all

the nations that forget God."—Psalm 9:17.

Those who believe in Jehovah God and trust implicitly in Him know what will be the final result. When confronted with the law of the state the obedience to which would compel one to violate God's law, Christians who truly follow the Lord Jesus Christ say, as did the

faithful men of old and the early apostles: 'We will obey God rather than men.' (Acts 5:29) 'The God whom we serve is able to deliver us.' (Daniel 3:17) The practice of putting the state above Jehovah is another evidence of the fulfillment of prophecy, showing that the day of Armageddon is just at hand.

Germany

Great Victory for Hitler



Great rejoicing in the ranks of the Nazis: a tremendous victory for Hitler. Hitler will go down in history as the great man of blood and iron, the wonder of the twentieth century. Late last fall his brave troops chased 5,000 Jewish refugees into Poland, where at the end of the year, at Zbonszyn, one child was frozen to death and twenty-seven others lost limbs owing to frost-bite. As a result of the hero's massive intellect, 2,000 fellow men were crowded into an old stable with only one stove to keep them warm at 30 degrees below zero Centigrade. Five hundred were living in an old mill with no heating facilities whatever.

Life Under a Dictator

◆ What life under a dictator is like may be judged from the fact that a Berlin court sentenced an employer to a fine of \$400 because he increased the pay of his staff without consulting the authorities, and the threat made to a girl who was forced to take a government job. The girl stated that she did not wish to accept the job, because she was to be married in three weeks; whereupon she was told that her reluctance to obey orders made her liable to a sentence of six months in prison, and the confiscation of her labor book, which would render it impossible for her to obtain a new job.

Greatest Display of Might

◆ What is declared to have been the greatest display of might ever shown took place in Berlin on Hitler's fiftieth birthday when the Via Triumphalis was the scene of a great automobile parade, four cars wide, six men to a car, all ready for war, and the cars as close together as they could move. This style of parade replaces the old one of marching men, which always resulted in many casualties.

The Horrors of Buchenwald

◆ The horrors of Buchenwald are told by a copyrighted article in the Manchester (England) *Daily Dispatch*, from the pen of Hans-jurgen Koehler, Gestapo agent, sent there as a prisoner, to obtain information regarding certain papers. What he saw finished his interest in the Reich and its devilish ruler. Men were compelled to run up hill with logs and blocks of stone so heavy that it required several other men to lift their burdens upon their shoulders. If he could not keep the pace he was "shot while trying to escape". In four weeks 80 out of 2,000 new prisoners died. It was considered a good joke by the guards to get a prisoner to go near enough to the danger line that he could be machine-gunned in his tracks.

Unpleasant Pleasantries of der Fuehrer

◆ Some time last year the American Government seized \$10,500 worth of German goods for violation of customs regulations. A few weeks later an American shipmaster was about to sail from a German port, with a cargo of wood pulp for the United States, when he was arrested for a series of alleged violation of Nazi laws, fined exactly \$10,500, and when he could not pay it, as all the property he had in the world was his ship, the ship was seized, cargo and all; and thus der Führer gained one more of the victories that make him loved by all decent men. *Raus mit ihm!*

Tourists in Danzig

◆ It is singular that within a few days almost a thousand young men from East Prussia concluded they would like to visit Danzig. Some wore Storm Troopers' uniforms, and it was remarked that a similar flood of tourists visited Sudetenland just before the Czechoslovakian republic was carved up. Polish papers claimed that the population of Danzig was increased by 30,000 Germans, most of them Storm Troopers.

Home and Hygiene

Not a Health Magazine



◆ Do not make the error of thinking that *Consolation* is a health magazine. It has no such aspirations. If you overload your system with starches and with meat, use tobacco, drink liquor, tea and coffee, speak and think evil, avoid hard work and the drinking of pure water, and are careless about your bowel habits, you would do well to subscribe for some health magazine; you are in a fair way to get some one of the 1,170 "diseases" and to realize your need of a "cure".

Glancing over a big pile of articles on how to cure this or that, one comes across a few ideas that seem to have some common sense to them. Here they are:

Some people wear themselves out talking (when a phonograph would do it better). When a man speaks he uses eighteen muscles and thirty-three nerves and deposits much carbon-dioxide and other waste products into his blood stream, in the exertion of talking. To eliminate the waste caused by ten minutes' talk forty-five minutes of normal quiet life is needed.

Don't expect too much of drugs. A prescription for hydrophobia recommended by the New York legislature in 1819 was described as follows:

One ounce of jawbone of a dog burned and pulverized to a fine dust, the false tongue of a newly foaled colt, also dried and pulverized, and measures of verdigris, which is raised on old copper.

Don't be too alarmed about the soft yeast-like growth which may appear on your tongue. This rises and falls with the state of the digestive system. Maybe all you need is plenty of fruit, plenty of water and plenty of work.

In Puerto Rico the houses have no windows and rickets is almost unknown; the natural result is that what children who have rickets need is plenty of sun.

Emotional states affect the juices of the stomach and bowels; so don't eat when you are distressed or excited. Calm yourself; the world will be here after your troubles are for ever over.

Wounds exposed to sunshine heal rapidly.

Don't get disturbed because you sweat. Sweating is not injurious; it is beneficial. Powder to stop sweating is injurious.

That's all for now.

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Universal Medical Examination

◆ The danger of such universal medical examination as the health commissioner pleads for is that it would transform innumerable happy and to all intents and purposes healthy persons into melancholy watchers of their own symptoms, who would never again dare to exert themselves hopefully and eagerly in the business of life. So far from prolonging life, imparting such dire knowledge of themselves to people would be the means of shortening their term and of limiting their happiness and their usefulness. A healthy mental attitude is the greatest of all helps in preserving physical sanity. Break down a healthy mental attitude and the baleful germs that are in all of us will riot uncontrolled. . . . Virtually all of us go through life with engines that are more or less imperfect, but that do their work satisfactorily enough so long as we do not watch them, tinker over them and fuss with them. A compulsory universal medical examination would probably result in widespread depression and despair.—*Youth's Companion*.

Flexible Boards

◆ Flexible boards, four feet wide, ten feet long, and one-eighth of an inch thick, can now be had, and can be curved with the grain to form a column as small as six inches diameter. Improvements in wood-working machinery have resulted in new types of floors and walls, very attractive.

An Overworked Thyroid

◆ The press carried pictures of a lad at Morgantown, Kentucky, who, due to an overworked thyroid gland, weighed 70 pounds at 13 months of age, and was still gaining at four pounds a month.

Bathtub Monarchs of Mankind

◆ John J. Downey, director of the National Association of Master Plumbers for New England, in an address in Portland, Maine, declared that Americans own 95 percent of all the bathtubs in the world.

Cellar Walls Wet?

◆ Somebody says that if your cellar walls are wet paint them with aluminum paint and you will get a metallic sheet between the wall and the interior that will be moisture proof. It might be worth trying.



Pagan Nonsense at Vatican City

◆ Stripped of its symbolism a crown, after all, is merely a hat, and so it seems a little silly that it took four hours for Pope Pius XII to get his hat on straight. All the rest of it, from start to finish, was absolute folly. Some of the stories of the attendance at that four-hour exhibition of foolishness stated that 500,000 persons witnessed the ceremony (the *Washington Post* made it 350,000), and then some intelligent newspaperman (and there are a few such, after all) made geometrical and arithmetical calculations which proved that at three persons to the square yard, and counting 5,000 people in the windows, not more than 125,000 persons could by any possibility have seen it at all. Many fainted, and one woman died while the four-hour show was on. Some of the main features of the exhibition of idolatry and vanity are given in the *New York Times* as follows. A good joke on somebody is the statement that 'Peter, the first Pope, suffered under Pharaoh'. The *Times* is out of whack on its history only a trifle of some 1,500-odd years. But why worry about a little thing like that? The important thing is to see what the girls wore and who and what they kissed.



Out of eight columns of piffle about that pagan ceremony, which columns did not once mention the Scriptures, the following are selected as the most outstanding items of public interest:

The Swiss Guards were in orange and yellow, the Gold Noble Guards in red tunics and white knee breeches, the choristers in violet, the Monsignori in purple, the Cardinals in vermillion and ermine, the friars in brown and the priests in black.

On either side of and slightly above the Pope's head were two semicircular ostrich feather fans. These, perhaps, recalled to many minds that similar fans used to be carried in the procession of the Pharaoh under whose reign St. Peter, the first Pope, suffered martyrdom.

The Pope wore his full pontifical vestments, but they were completely hidden from sight by his enormous cope, richly embroidered in gold, which was so long and ample that it covered most of the

floor of the sedia gestatoria. On his head was a silver miter studded with jewels. His hands were covered with white gloves and on the third finger of the right hand the Fisherman's Ring, emblem of Papal authority, could be seen.

Before the papal court came six mace-bearers in black doublet and hose with white lace at their wrists, violet capes and rapiers hanging from their belts. On either side was a single row of Swiss Guards—representing the Catholic Cantons of Switzerland—carrying long serpentine swords with heavy hilts resting on their shoulders and the points sticking straight up.

With them walked the commander of the Swiss Guard, Colonel de Sury d'Aspremont, resplendent with shining breastplate and plumed helmet, and officers of the Noble Guard in scarlet tunics with golden epaulets, burnished helmets with long black horsehair plumes and black and white egrets, buckskin breeches and top boots.

The procession advanced by twos in the following order: Two masters of ceremonies in clerical garb, flanked by two Swiss Guards; the Apostolic Preacher and Confessor of the Apostolic Family, also in clerical garb; the procurators general of various religious orders, among whom were noticeable the black tunics and hoods of the Benedictines, white tunics and hoods of the Dominicans, brown tunics, cord belts and sandals of the Franciscans, brown tunics and white mantles of the Carmelites and black gowns of the Jesuits; a dozen bussolanti in red frock coats, knee breeches and shoes of the same color; the jeweler of the apostolic palaces in doublet and hose carrying upon a cushion the precious triregnum with which Pope Pius IX was crowned, flanked by two Swiss Guards; a number of chaplains in red cassocks and ermine capes carrying the Pope's precious miters on cushions; two apostolic cursors in black breeches and violet capes carrying silver maces; a number of chaplains, privy clerics and privy chaplains in red robes and ermine capes; a group of consistorial advocates in purple capes and ermine; a number of ecclesiastical officials in surplices and rochets; two privy chamberlains in red robes and ermine capes carrying the Pope's usual miters; Prince Alessandro Ruspoli, Master of the Holy Hospice, in medieval costume, and the Auditor of the Tribunal of Rota carrying a crucifix mounted on a silver wand.

After the preliminary part of the procession came the penitentiaries of St. Peter's in chasubles of white damask and white birettas, carrying long silver wands rising from bouquets symbolizing punishment and clemency. Then came a score of mitred Abbots in white cloaks decorated with gold, wearing miters of white cloth, and a full hundred Bishops with cloaks of silver lamé decorated with gold and wearing miters of white cloth.

Mingling with the Pope's ecclesiastical privy chamberlains, with the two principal masters of ceremonies in violet cassocks, surplices and rochets, and with the three Cardinals, who were to assist

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the Pope to celebrate the mass, in cloaks of silver lamé over vermilion robes, were gentlemen of the princely houses of Rome who occupy the highest posts of honor in the Vatican court.

The Cardinals, after prostrating themselves before him, kissed his foot and hand and received the double embrace in return. The Patriarch Archbishops and Bishops kissed his foot and knee and the mitred Abbots kissed only his foot.

Leave having been granted, the Pope's foot was kissed again by Mgr. Nardone and then by the canons, beneficiaries, choristers and clerics of the basilica, as well by students of the Vatican Seminary.

Those Who

Can Figure

◆ Some people can not figure at all; some people love to figure; and then there are people in between, called proofreaders. It has never yet been officially decided whether they know how to figure or not. But here are some facts. There are supposed to be 300,000,000 Catholics in the world. The Catholic Church claims Peter was the first pope and got away to a good start. Very well, be generous: say that the Catholic Church has been in existence 19 centuries; that the average number in existence continuously was 150,000,000, and that there were 57 generations in the 19 centuries. The total number of Catholics that have lived would therefore amount to 8,550,000,000.

Pope Pius XI made a record as a pope. He "beatified" 42 and "sanctified" 30 in 10 years' time. 72 in 10 years would mean 13,680 Roman Catholic "saints" in 1900 years; i.e., if each of the other popes had been as generous in making "saints" as he was. All O.K. That is one "saint" out of each 625,000 Catholics in 19 centuries. What about the other 624,999 Catholics that have lived and died along with their "sainted" brother or sister? They are still "cooking in purgatory". When will they get out? Well, one of them got out in 1,900

years. Give the others a break, equally good, and each one of this first lot will be cooked through and ready for the table in 624,999 times 1,900 years. That totals up to 1,187,498,100 years. There are plenty of people who, if they had cooked that long, would forget what it was all about, and would not care to see the head cook, no matter where he lived.

How Far Would He Get?

◆ Sane man enters insane asylum, hopeless ward. First inmate greets him and says, "I am glad you came to see me. I am George Washington, and everybody should come and greet the father of his country." Sane man replies, "Pardon me, my friend, but you are twisted on your pedestal. George has been dead 139 years." Second inmate says, "I am Napoleon. You have done well in coming in to honor the greatest military man that ever lived." Sane man replies, "You? Napoleon? Kind sir, you will pardon me, but you have bats in your belfry. The real Napo-



Had 'em bug-eyed

leon, the incarnation of force and murder, is buried over in Paris, and I am glad he is." Third inmate says, "I am Jesus Christ. All should be glad to bow at my feet. Get down and do your stuff. Kiss my big toe." Sane man replies, "Not on your tintype. I have more important business than kissing the toes or rings of people that have gone nuts." How far would the sane man get down the corridor?

The moral to this little tale is that Satan's organization is insane. All its devotees are insane, and that includes Mr. Pacelli, who now thinks, or tries to think, that he is the Vicar of Jesus Christ. Today the only sane in the entire world are the Christians, of whom there are but few. To the insane, these sane persons seem peculiar and hateful, and worthy of death, because they refuse to do all the insane things

that others love to do, and because they are engaged in a strange work of proclaiming the coming end of the insane asylum.

A Problem in Mathematics

◆ The *Washington Post* contained two columns of drivel about the Papal coronation. Following the usual newspaper style of piffle it stated that "500,000 souls had dropped on their knees" in a space that more careful newspapermen had figured only 125,000 could stand in, and then eight paragraphs farther on it stated that "from 300,000 throats rose the roar of acclamation". Here is a problem for the mathematicians which may be expressed somewhat as follows: "If 500,000 souls drop on their knees in a space where only 125,000 can stand, and are so affected that only 300,000 of their 125,000 could roar, what were the 375,000 doing that led them to fall on their knees in a place where they had no room to stand, and why was it that 200,000 of them that did not get into the 125,000 space never so much as gave a squawk, let alone a roar, when their comrades, 175,000, who also could not get into the space, gave that roar?" That ought to be plain. What is the answer?

News Chronicle Bit

◆ The London *News Chronicle* is away above the average newspaper, but it also got bit on the story from Rome when it said in a headline, "More than 500,000 people saw Pope Pius XII crowned in Rome today." It was a real reporter that figured out only 125,000 people could possibly be crowded into the space where the "more than 500,000" are alleged to have witnessed the four-hour ceremony. The *Leicester Mail* got stung only a little less badly; for it prophesied in a headline that "500,000 will see Pope's coronation". Even the *Manchester Guardian* got burned, its expression being "More than half a million people, packed in the square below and between there and the Tiber, on Sunday saw Pope Pius XII being crowned Pope on the outside balcony of St. Peter's".

Swastika on Catholic Churches

◆ On Hitler's fiftieth birthday all the churches in Berlin, including the Catholic churches, flew the swastika, yet it was only a year or so prior to that time that Pope Pius XI had much to say about the heathen swastika cross flying in the face of what he called "the Christian Cross", in Rome.

Back to the Old Spain



Pius XII wants Spain to be guided back to the old ideals, where the biggest share of all the property was in the possession of the Catholic church and a few petted nobles, while the common people had practically nothing. Looks as if he were going to get what he has wanted for a time. The Spanish people fought to prevent that very thing.

Vienna's Religion Tax

◆ Up until 1939 persons not having the Catholic religion in Vienna had to pay a religion tax, which was used to help pay the wages of Roman Catholic priests, but Catholics themselves did not have to pay this tax. The priests held them up in the regular manner, as in the United States and Britain, for all they could get out of them, for "services" performed at weddings, christenings, funerals, masses and other rackets. As cash is low in the new Germany, it was announced some time ago that hereafter Catholics would also have to chip in on the religion tax, but later reports are that this is put off until 1940; which shows the close relation between the Hierarchy and the Nazi authorities.

Which Country Is It?

◆ Which country is it that makes its national bank unconditionally subject to the state? Which country is it that makes the officer corps of the army merely an arm of the single legal party? Which country is it that handles its exports and imports by a single government agency? Which country is it that tolerates no strike or other interruption of national production? Is it Russia or is it Germany? It is both.

Statue to Pavlik

◆ A bronze statue 13 feet tall has been erected in Moscow in honor of Pavlik Morozoff, a Russian boy who betrayed his father to the Bolshevik authorities. The boy's father killed Pavlik, and then the boy's father and his friends were slain. The whole thing is reminiscent of the days of the Inquisition and shows what may be expected in any land under totalitarian rule.

Earth's Most Military State

◆ Earth's most military state is Vatican City, where two-thirds of the entire population are in its army.

The Study of Earthquakes

◆ *The Jesuit Bulletin*, on the last page of its April (1939) issue, asks the question, "Why should the Jesuits give themselves to the study of earthquakes?" On page 5 of the same issue it gives several answers, and it seems as if the real answer may be found in the last clause of the following summary:

Finally, much that is now known about the structure of the interior of the earth has been learned from the records of these disturbances, with the result that the methods of seismology are being used with great success in discovering oil and mineral deposits.

Mary's Day—Mother's Day



Mary's Day and Mother's Day have the same origin. Both are intended to glorify creatures. Mary was a creature, the same as other mothers. In no sense was she either the "Mother of God" or the "Mother of Man-kind". She was honored and blessed by being the earthly means by which Jesus of Nazareth was born of the flesh. A suggestion of Catholic theologians is that Catholics, once a year, make an "offering in Mary's name, equal at least in value to that presented to mother on Mother's Day". It is merely one more of the countless methods used to try to wring money from the workers to maintain the racket.

Rain Water Sins Are Forgiven

◆ Some idea of the pure punk peddled in the name of religion is obtainable from the collection of ecclesiastical nonsense known as *The Register*. A person wrote in, asking, "If a person, while walking to church, swallows a drop or two of rain water, may he receive communion?" The satellite of the Roman Hierarchy running *The Register* came back with this, "If a person unintentionally swallows a few drops of water together with saliva, he is not considered to be breaking his fast."

The Rotten Totalitarian States

◆ There is little choice between things that are rotten, and any and every totalitarian state is just that. In Russia, for example, the G.P.U. awakened a ten-year-old boy at midnight and as a result of its processes he 'confessed', "I was a member of a counter-revolutionary, Fascist organization." If Russia can get confessions like that out of kids that are only ten years old, the next logical step is to try it out on those half that age, or as soon as they can talk plain.

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Cowardly Nations in Nightshirts

◆ Under the international Ku Klux kode, a country can be invaded merely because it is 'discourteous' or entertains thoughts that are distasteful to the aggressor. Countries may be overrun, territory taken, property destroyed and people killed by the hundreds of thousands in the name of civilization or religion, with never a declaration of war uttered. Legally speaking, the world may be at peace while helpless populations are put to the sword. The kleagles and the klokards now ride bombers, tanks, battleships and submarines over a field of operations that is international. The raids of the nightshirt nations constitute the greatest threat to civilization since the democratic principle became established.—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, in an address at the annual meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Liberty with Jaws Clamped Shut

◆ Liberty with her jaws clamped shut. Liberty knocked senseless if she dares open her head to tell the truth. Liberty strangled and buried if she has the hardihood to uncover the Italian racket operating out of Vatican City. That is the Papal standard. That is what the pope meant when he sent word to the convocation of Catholic gangsters at Washington that Catholics necessarily are defenders of "true human liberties". He did not dare leave out the word "true". It is his alibi. When the showdown comes he will say, as always, that true human liberties are the liberties of the Catholic Hierarchy to perpetuate their blasphemies and lies. No other liberties are true, and hence no other liberties may be or should be defended. It is all so simple. Just like that.

Uncle Sam in Hard Luck

◆ Uncle Sam is in for hard luck. On the same day the newspapers contained the information that plans were being considered at the headquarters of the Italian Camorra in Vatican City to put the army and navy of the United States (so far as possible) under the control of a full-time bishop, the same as is done in Germany, Italy, France and other countries under Papal control, they also reported that Joseph P. Kennedy, Roman Catholic ambassador to Britain (but on Uncle Sam's pay roll), would be the official representative of the president (not the people) of the United States at the coronation of Pius XII. (That is when the "crown of heaven, earth and hell"

was placed on Pacelli's head, making him what he is today.) Kennedy is the only Roman Catholic to have the post at the Court of St. James's, and it is the first time a president of the United States was ever "officially" represented at such an affair. A third item was that Pius XII officially "blessed" the United States (whether they wanted to be blessed or not, less than one-sixth being Roman Catholics). Inasmuch as history shows that the Papal "blessing" usually works out to the reverse, it looks like hard luck ahead for Uncle Sam, officially.

Saluting the Stars and Stripes

◆ In Russia, we understand, it is obligatory to make the motions and mouth the sentiments prescribed by stern authority for showing loyalty to the revolution and Soviet Communism. The same is true concerning the forms for showing abject submission to Fascism in Italy, to Nazism in Germany. In fact, it is distinctly dangerous in those states to omit, even inadvertently, the slightest of the required ceremonials.

But the United States is not totalitarian—not yet, at least. The Stars and Stripes still stands for the "sweet land of liberty", still waves over the land of the free and the home of the brave. So let's forego trying to force persons to make formal salutes of the flag which stands primarily for freedom. Let's forbear jailing them or putting them out of schools and societies because of their idiosyncrasies in the name of conscience, no matter what vagaries their acts may seem to others of us to be. Let's even desist from knocking hats off goofs with their hands in their pockets and gawking at parades in which the flag passes by.—*The Portland Oregonian*.

Compulsory Flag Salutes

◆ I have long thought that the cases are not different from the "shrine" cases in Korea, which are matters of supreme concern to every board of foreign missions; the subject of much discussion in the American church, Roman Catholic and Protestant, and are beginning to result in violent action by the Japanese and in martyrdom by the Koreans. The Japanese say that there is no religious significance in the ceremony at the shrine of the emperor; the Korean Christians say that it is a religious ceremony. So the Romans said to Polycarp in A.D. 155 before they executed him because he refused to engage in the ceremony at the bust

of Caesar, which the Romans said was not a religious ceremony.—V. H. Lukens, New Jersey, in the New York *Herald Tribune*.

Forget Flag Ordinance

◆ Tacoma's city council has gone about far enough with the proposed flag ordinance. Now would be a good time to lay it on the table and forget it. Forget it, not because it was considered by some an invasion of civil liberties. Forget it, not because some elements of union labor feared it would be used against pickets during strike. Forget it, not because good citizens or three persons in a street corner argument might be inconvenienced. But sidetrack it now because its purpose is not clear to all and because it represents a prohibition impossible of practical enforcement. Grant that the women who first proposed its passage were women inspired by patriotic intent, the ordinance is unsound in that it cannot legislate the state of persons' minds. Patriotism, love of country and of its flag, is a thing of the mind. Mere waving of a flag or display of it by groups in public places, in meetings and parades will not instill patriotism in a mind that does not sense patriotism in the natural order of affairs. If there is a place where men and women congregate to plot sedition and treason and overthrow of American government by force and violence, then that is no place for the Stars and Stripes—and there are state and federal laws to deal with them. The city council has a wild bear by the tail and should let go.—Tacoma (Wash.) *News Tribune*.

Let's Get It Settled

◆ For consistency's sake—if no other reason—we wish the courts of the land would get together on whether a public school pupil can be compelled to salute the flag against conscientious scruples.

The courts differ—what is right in Jersey is wrong in Florida and California. Most Americans will think that belief a flag salute is idolatry is silly. Perhaps it is. But the contradictory opinions of the courts on so simple a question are equally as silly.

Why not let the children believe what they want? Their love of country has not been otherwise questioned. Perhaps they love what the flag stands for as much as some who salute it but do not hesitate to violate the laws and traditions for which it stands.—*Miami Herald*.

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New York

Free Speech in America



The Fascist-Nazi idea of free speech is that everybody should be privileged to express himself freely provided he says only that with which the totalitarian régime is in agreement. The anti-totalitarian is not permitted to speak at all in totalitarian lands like Germany, Russia, Italy or Spain, but, note the contrast, in New York city 20,000 Nazi sympathizers were allowed to meet in Madison Square Garden, and when Isadore Greenbaum attempted to assault one of the speakers for anti-Semitic invectives, he had his trousers pulled off and was sentenced to ten days in the cooler.

A Library That Really Circulates

◆ You heard about circulating libraries all your lives. The idea is that the books circulate from one to another. New York city has one in which not only the books circulate but the library itself does. The Queens Borough Public Library carries 1,000 books to twenty communities in Queens at least once every week. Three librarians and a driver constitute the staff. Heaters are provided in winter, and fans in summer. The stops are at the public schools, and are at the curb, so that children can borrow and return books in safety.

Pronounced Dead

◆ Pronounced dead, as a result of a violent attack of asthma, Mrs. Bella Futterman, of New York, had no pulse, no heart action, was absolutely cold, mouth was drawn, and there was every appearance of death. However, she was resuscitated; and her only impression was that she had had a quiet, peaceful and happy sleep; and that is all there was to it, and all there is to it. Death is death, unconsciousness, just as the Scriptures declare.

Noise Came from Gas Works

◆ On a day recently a section of Brooklyn was treated to a roaring sound that created much discomfort and intense interest. It finally developed that the roar was from the chimney of a gas works. The sound waves hit against an atmospheric sound shell in the heavens and were largely focused at one point a mile away, where the people almost thought the world was coming to an end, literally.

Loving Parents at Ithaca

◆ At Ithaca, New York, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Kearney (guess their "church") took sixteen chickens out of the barn in zero weather, because they thought they might be injured by the cold, but they took their five-year-old daughter, alleged to have stolen food from the family larder, burned her tongue with a hot poker, whipped her with a belt that had rivets in it, and finally locked the scantily clad child in the barn from which the chickens had been rescued—where she froze to death. Now, no doubt, her loving parents believe she is roasting in "purgatory" and thus, at least, has some of the heat they denied her in her last moments. It is not surprising that people who believe in a god that would eternally torment his creatures should try to emulate their idol.

Thefts of \$1,500 per Day

◆ Thefts of \$1,500 per day, \$50 daily from each of thirty subway stations, were discovered in New York city. The thefts had been going on for three years. They totaled \$1,200,000, but the chairman of the Board of Transportation, John H. Delaney, when called before the district attorney, stated that the total losses were estimated at only \$1,000. At each of the thirty stations two turnstile checking meters were turned back 500 fares each day. The station agents, in cahoots with the turnstile men, altered their records to correspond.

Coughlin Cheered at Nazi Rally

◆ Dorothy Thompson, famous newspaperwoman, calls attention to the fact that the day before the Nazi meeting in Madison Square Garden, New York, there was a meeting of Coughlin's followers in a New York armory at which Bund literature and tickets to the Madison Square Garden meeting were distributed. Moreover, when Coughlin's name was mentioned, it was given the biggest hand.

Paralytics Open Public Letter Office

◆ Fourteen young men, infantile paralysis cripples from the 1916 epidemic, well educated, but unable to obtain jobs, merged their forces and opened a public letter system in New York city. Three that could walk went out for orders, and the others will run the mimeographs and addressing machines and take in the money.

Social

Bounties on Babies



Nice fresh babies, 79c a pound! Several of the leading nations have put bounties on babies. They are not hypocritical or evasive about the reason behind this golden impetus to breeding. They want more babies now for bigger armies later, babies to be fattened up for sixteen or seventeen years, then delivered on the hoof for slaughter! So breed, Mother, breed for the glory of your heroic Leaders. Take good care of that cuddly baby, Mother, so he'll grow up big and strong and the butchers will be pleased with him. And be thankful, Mother, for your great privilege of producing a son whose destiny it is to be blown to hell!—World-Peaceways, New York.

D.A.R. Had a Fit

◆ On finding out that Francis Scott Key's original star spangled banner is stitched to canvas the wrong way round (with the stars to the right instead of to the left) the Daughters of the American Revolution visiting the Smithsonian Institution almost had a fit. They know just how the flag ought to be exhibited, but what it all stands for is a great mystery to the self-elected American aristocracy engaged in the business of purveying patriotism to their fellow citizens.

"He" Holly and "She" Holly

◆ Maybe you know why holly is used at "Christmas" time, and that there are "he" holly (or "holy") trees and "she" holly (or "holy") trees. It is a superstition taken over from old Pagan Rome. The "he" holly trees, the ones with the prickly leaves, were used in divination, fortune telling. The girl who wanted to know her fortune counted the prickles, one after the other, to see if she would be the wife of a rich man, poor man, beggar man or thief.

Distribution of Refugees

◆ Since the World War Greece absorbed 1,250,000 refugees from Bulgaria, Russia and Asia Minor; France has 40,000 Italian refugees; Russia took 500,000 Armenians; Turkey has been taking 30,000 a year from Rumania; and the world in general has taken a million white Russians, with 100,000 of them going to France.

Gaston Means Dead

◆ Head sleuth of the Ohio Gang in the days of President Harding, and one of the cleverest crooks that ever lived, Gaston Means, is dead. He was one of the old-style detectives that considered it perfectly proper to commit a crime in attaining whatever objective he had in view. It was he that helped Mrs. Harding to place in the president's hands the love letters which the president wrote while in office to the laundry worker who, it is alleged, in that time became the mother of his daughter. In the days of the Lindbergh kidnaping excitement Means persuaded Mrs. McLean, of Washington, to give him \$104,000 with which to pay off the kidnapers. Not a cent of that money was ever recovered, and for helping himself to it Means died in prison. The world is certainly better off with him out of it. How he escaped being head of the New York Stock Exchange or some other kindred enterprise is hard to understand.

When Men Become Puppets

◆ Men value their freedom, their liberties, their opinions. But when the cost of holding forbidden opinions is the concentration camp (as in Germany), castor oil (as in Italy) or "sudden disappearance" (as in Russia), men do give up these rights. When the cost is harm to friends and relatives, when one never knows if husband or wife will be safely home or in some unnamed jail the next hour, men do yield and become less than men.—New York Post.

Americans Are Americans

◆ Americans are Americans, no matter whether they are red, white, black or speckled, seems to be the gist of the decision of the United States Supreme Court that if a state provides legal education for any it must provide equal opportunity for all; and it seems that justice could make no other decision. The State of Missouri must now admit a Negro to the law school of the University of Missouri.

Compulsory Fingerprinting

◆ Compulsory fingerprinting is a first step in the destruction of liberty. The second step will be that everybody must carry a card showing he has been registered. The third is that he must show the card whenever called upon to do so. After that, "Siberia."

U. S. Treasury

Uncle Sam Buying It All

◆ Last year the world produced new gold of the value of \$1,284,500,000; and Uncle Sam bought gold of the value of \$1,750,000,000, to put away in the Kentucky hole in the ground at Fort Knox. This clever work of buying every year more gold than is mined in the whole world is made possible by the fact that Uncle Sam shoved up the price from \$20.83 an ounce to \$35. Now, if some bright statesman would only think of offering, say, a dollar apiece for watermelons, Uncle Sam could just get billions of them. Wouldn't that be something? Meantime, before the watermelon statesmen arise to the occasion, it may be remarked in passing that in 1935 Uncle Sam gladly paid 77½¢ an ounce for silver when the world market price was 64½¢. Twelve silver-producing countries hurried up and sent to America all the silver they could spare at the premium offered.

Regulated Scarcity



There has been no trustworthy survey of the potential production capacity of the United States for later than 1929. In 1933 the Survey of Potential Production Capacity of the United States conducted under the auspices of the government by a group of about 70 competent engineers, economists and statisticians revealed that the United States could have produced \$135,000,000,000 worth of goods and services in 1929. The difference between the potential and the actual production in the United States for the ten years 1929 to 1938 inclusive has been at least as follows (stated in millions of dollars):

Year	Potential Production	Actual Production	Loss because of lack of Purchasing Power
1929	\$135,000	\$80,800	\$54,200
1930	135,000	68,000	67,000
1931	135,000	53,500	81,500
1932	135,000	39,500	95,500
1933	135,000	41,800	93,200
1934	135,000	49,000	86,000
1935	135,000	55,000	80,000
1936	135,000	63,800	71,200
1937	135,000	60,000	75,000
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This table shows that each one of the approximately 30,000,000 families in the United States lost more than \$25,000 worth of goods and services during the past ten years from unused natural resources, unused machine equipment and unused labor power, an average loss to every family of \$2,500 worth of goods and services each and every year. Such is the price we have paid and are still paying for our scarcity system.—Oscar Ameringer, in *The American Guardian*.

5,000,000 Postal Cards Daily

◆ In the huge printing plant at Washington Uncle Sam has three rotary web printing presses that print, cut, deliver and band postal cards in packs of fifty, at the rate of 6,400 per minute. The total annual output runs to nearly 2,000,000,000 cards, or in excess of 5,000,000 daily. The Government printing plant, by the way, keeps 5,500 employees busy on its 22 acres of floor space, operating 406 typesetting machines to keep its presses full of work. It is far and away the largest printing plant in the world.

One-Fifth on Relief

◆ Take note! During the year 1938, about 5,600,000 American households received public aid. At four persons to the household, that represents a total of 22,400,000 individuals, or about one-fifth of the nation. The distribution of public funds to these millions affords opportunities for religious and political racketeers never before presented.

Eagerness for Tax-free Securities

◆ Eagerness for tax-free securities is so great that when the government a while back wanted a little item of \$700,000,000, the boys that have the custody of the nation's bank deposits offered nearly one-fifth of them for the purpose, in some cases using the names of dead men to get on the lists. So says the Treasury.

300,000 at Consular Offices

◆ In Europe 300,000 people are besieging the United States consulates, hoping to find a way of getting out of the various lands of horror and getting into a country of peace where they can have hope for themselves and their children of living a decent life without having to heal some tyrant and murderer.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

General Conditions

● War preparation activity has brought some advantages: there is much less unemployment and consequently a considerable increase in domestic business. The latest published figures of unemployment show a drop of nearly 500,000, reducing the number of unemployed to about one and a half million persons. It is said by experts that even in good business times it is to be expected that almost a million persons will be unable to obtain constant work and must at least temporarily seek assistance from the insurance funds. The call to military service is also affecting the general conditions, and that apart from the 200,000 young men who are being conscripted. There is a general sense of activity abroad, and talk of a trade boom is being encouraged by the newspapers. In the meantime the Government is spending the accumulated resources of the country at a great rate. The recent war scare and a realization that the two dictators who have shown that they will take every chance to achieve their set purpose—openly declared by Hitler in his "bible", and less openly by Mussolini—have silenced criticism of the Government's spending. It is no exaggeration to say that the majority of the people do not give themselves much concern about the future, but are content to live from day to day, getting as much enjoyment out of their circumstances, poor or rich, as may be possible. Official report of the ordered registration of the 200,000 young men of 20-21 years shows that only about 3,000 registered a conscientious objection to military service. The Conscription Act gives no freedom to objectors: it has provision for tribunals to consider whether or not these may be freed from active military service or be put into other service under the control of the Government.

Diplomatic Duplicity

● The British Cabinet might be considered as having got a damaging exposure of its fear or attempted duplicity when Hitler gave a great welcome in Hamburg to his troops returned

from their victories in Spain. When questioned in Parliament about the well-known fact of the presence of German soldiers fighting in Franco's rebellion the Government pleaded either that they had no official knowledge of the troops or that the German Government denied their troops were in Spain. Probably the duplicity of the German Government was in telling their British inquirers that it might be that some Germans had gone to Spain as volunteers, and their willing "dupes" in London accepted the statement as the way out; for Germany was a member of the non-intervention committee, and Britain wanted to avoid a quarrel with Hitler. There were 20,000 Germans in Franco's army. However, the return was not camouflaged: the soldiers were received with the honors of a victorious army, and the British statesmen could think about the matter as they pleased. The game must have been as well known to the British politicians. It all serves as an illustration of the game of politics, much of it played with lies and deceit.

Ministry of Information

● As one of the war preparations the Government has set up a Ministry of Information: to gather it and to spread it in the form of propaganda. Naturally what is gathered will be sorted and sifted, and as much as is for use at home and abroad will be arranged to suit certain purposes. Goebbels is angry and loudly shouts out that this is another proof of an attempt to encircle Germany. The minister in charge of the department is the earl of Perth, long known as Sir Eric Drummond, last used as British representative in Rome; was before that secretary of the League of Nations, and is a Roman Catholic.

Stung Priests Are Angry

● The constant service which the witnesses of Jehovah render to Him to the honor and the vindication of His holy name, and which of necessity exposes the Roman Catholic church system as false to the Scriptures and absolutely without divine authority, is stinging the Roman priests. For many years they have attempted to stop the witness in such ways as were open to them, as *Consolation* has shown. They had some success in the radio broadcasts by Judge Rutherford, because they were able to put pressure on some broadcasting stations, which through fear of the action of the priests ceased to give facilities for the

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broadcasting of truth to the people. They have had some success in some British colonies by persuading the local authorities that the truth carried by Jehovah's witnesses unsettled the native populations. The challenge by Judge Rutherford for open public discussion they will not meet, preferring their usual Catholic Action methods of working secretly and through fear and intimidation. The message contained in the millions of booklets and of leaflets distributed in Britain, especially those following Judge Rutherford's exposure in the world broadcast speech in the Royal Albert Hall, London, when he showed that the Papacy and Fascism are in agreement, and that Catholic Action should be known as Fascist-Catholic Action, has stung the priests. They are angry. The Roman Catholic church has had many attacks made on it: on its false claims and false teachings, forged by perversions of the Scriptures and by making the writings and pronouncements of men as of equal authority with the Word of God. But it has never been exposed to the truth as it is now exposed; nor could it be so exposed till the day of Jehovah's judgments should come. The Papacy sees in the witness to the truth that which God purposes it should see: it sees the warning of its destruction by Him whom they hypocritically profess to serve. If the Hierarchy were as sure of themselves and their place before God according to their claims they would not be perturbed. But they are angry, and they show their anger by stirring up their dupes to make malicious personal attacks on those who carry the truth to the people. Judge Rutherford is the subject of their malice in a special way, for the reason that in the good pleasure of God he is spokesman of Jehovah's witnesses in bringing the truth to the people. With malice a Jesuit priest, who is given prominence in a London Catholic newspaper, says of the message of truth, "It seeks to pull everything down—churches, governments and social usages"; and of the witnesses he declares "they are all-but avowed apostles of revolution and anarchy to come". This priest claims to have a long-time knowledge of the publications of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, and to be intimate with them. This being so, he knows that he lied when he wrote the above-quoted words. There is not a line to be found in them possible of interpretation as leading to agitation against governments, nor to anarchy or revolution. The publications of the Society,

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being expositions of the words of God and Christ the King, always urge obedience to the laws of the countries, except when by evil men laws are enacted which would prevent a disciple and follower of Christ from fulfilling his obligation to God. On the other hand, the Hierarchy are now active in trying to get owners of halls to break their contracts where they learn that Jehovah's witnesses purpose to hold meetings. In various places, as *Consolation* has stated, the priests have brought a mob, and at least indirectly, if not actually, the inciters have caused physical violence to Jehovah's witnesses. Their angry outbursts are having the result of telling many of those who have been duped that there is a witness against the doctrines and the claims of the priests and their church, and many Catholics have become active workers with Jehovah's witnesses.

Canterbury's Failures

● The call to religion made by the archbishop of Canterbury fell on dull ears. Though not officially buried, it is now a dead thing. His more recent endeavor to get some life into religion by a prayer league for peace which all outside the church of Rome might join seems going the same way. It was not expected that the Roman Catholics would join in, but it was hoped that "his holiness" the pope might give his co-operation, by allowing himself to be considered the leader of the league. The Hierarchy in Rome is not to be caught, neither by a peace nor by a prayer movement, so as to admit that the many other churches shall be accounted as acceptable to its communion or co-operation. There is no advertising of any success resulting from the prayers which the sections of religionists have said. Franco had got his war over before they began their prayers, but Hitler has been all the time scheming for his next move. Probably the Japanese war on China was forgotten.

Those who are instructed in the Scriptures and who understand the things written know that such prayers as have been uttered by religious organizations are not according to the will of God. He does not hear them. When Jesus taught His disciples to pray and what to pray for, saying, "After this manner pray ye," the first petition is, "Thy kingdom come." But that is the last thing religionists will pray for. They do not believe that Jesus comes while evil rules, in order to establish the kingdom of heaven. They have set themselves to

believe that it is the business of the churches to bring about the kingdom of heaven on earth, and they will not pray in Jesus' words as He meant to be understood; nor seek that God would again send His Son that the Kingdom should be established, and evil destroyed from the face of the earth. The peace of the earth has never been the responsibility of the church of Jesus Christ, not even in the matter of prayer. The kingdom of God, its righteousness, and the honor and vindication of His name, are the things to seek and pray for.

Some Preachers Uneasy

• The Protestant clergy have wrought havoc with the faith of their flocks. They have got them to believe that the writings of Moses and the prophets are not the word of God. Now some of the less reckless among the parsons are beginning to see that in this show of learning and of being wise in the eyes of men they have done damage to their own cause, the interests of religion. The dogma of the Trinity, which states that the Living God is not one God, but three Gods which yet make only one, is the foundation of "Christian religion" alike in Protestantism as in the Roman Catholic church. But all have to admit that it is not taught by Jesus and the apostles. The Roman church states the dogma declares a fact, and that is the end of the matter for its members, Scripture proof or not; but Protestants, who have no such pronouncement, seek Bible support, and go to the writings they denounce. But those who perceive what has been done will not raise their voices against the propaganda of unbelief: the interests of religion and of their own particular church system will prevent that. This absurd dogma, so contrary to the Scriptures, so derogatory to the honor and glory of the Living God, has been accepted by all the churches, and they are bound by it so tightly as will prevent them from getting free. It may be said to be the Devil's masterpiece of deception. No one who tries to believe the Father and the Son are really one and the same can understand what God has revealed of himself, nor see what is revealed of Christ, and the provision God has made for those who come to Him through Christ. To have a mystery in their religion suits religionists: it is preferred to the knowledge of the Word of God. The atmosphere of a mystery is the stronghold of religion, and in this it takes a place with that of the soothsayers and witch-doctors.

Catholics and Politics

• At the time of writing, the proposed pact between Britain and Russia from which Britain expects so much for the preservation of peace is still undetermined. How much Russia desires the pact does not appear; Britain and France are the seekers. Naturally enough Russia will safeguard its interests and seek some advantage from the bargaining. It has already been suggested that the hierarchy in Rome is using its influence in London to prevent such agreement between Britain and Russia. What it is doing will not come to light, but that the proposal is particularly obnoxious to the Roman Hierarchy is apparent, as their newspapers disclose. Britain is one of the chief hopes of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, and Russia is a detestation. Russia is an anti-God country, and has no use at all for the Roman Catholic church, but considers it as one of the chief obstacles to human progress, particularly the Soviet brand. Russia has already shown what it would do to the Roman church system if it had the opportunity: it would sweep it away as it swept Czardom into destruction. For Britain to enter into a pact with that country would be a heavy blow to the Hierarchy, busied as it is in telling the world that its greatest danger is Communism as seen in Russia. The popes, it is claimed, do not interfere in politics. The late pope, when denying a charge of political interference, cried out, "It is a lie." The "holy church" wishes that it should be known as a religious power. But when the British-Russian pact was mooted the present pope immediately got busy with the five greater nations of Europe, excluding Russia, to get them into a peace pact. Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Poland in peace, and the conditions in Europe would resume their normal life. The effort is suspect. It is the politics of the Hierarchy in active operation for the benefit of the Roman Catholic church. The main desire is not to seek peace in Europe; it cannot be said that the Papacy shows itself active in the cause of peace: it has quite recently shown that it will give support to war if the interests of the Roman church are to gain, as witness its share in the Italian war on Abyssinia and its aid to Franco in Spain. Britain is not yet under the bondage of the Roman Hierarchy, and undoubtedly the people of Britain prefer an arrangement which will keep the aggressive dictators in bounds, as a pact with Russia promises to do.

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South Africa

For Flogging a Native to Death



In Bethlehem, South Africa, two men held a Negro down while the third flogged him to death, and the three of them got off with a fine of £400. They well deserve to be hanged, all three of them.

Bechuanaland - Basutoland - Swaziland

♦ The native in the protectorates sees his fellows across the border debarred from skilled labor, deprived of the vote in the only province where they had it, driven from the towns except where their labor is wanted, prevented from acquiring land and inadequately supplied with reserves, reduced in rural areas to the condition of labor tenants, and everywhere subject to repressive pass laws which are harsh and arbitrary in their administration.—*Manchester Guardian*.

Steenkamp Pans the Dominies

♦ Dr. W. P. Steenkamp, Calvinia, South African Republic, speaking on a motion before the Assembly at Cape Town, said he was

neither pro-Jew nor anti-Jew, but that he was just pro-humanity and pro-Christian. In the heat of debate he said:

If Christ came to South Africa today he would be hounded out by the Nationalist Party which sheltered four ministers of religion—Dr. Malan, the Rev. C. W. M. du Toit, Dr. van der Merwe, and a missionary to the heathen, Lieut.-Col. Booysen. If Christianity is represented by those four gentlemen, then I will have nothing to do with Christianity. I would prefer to be a pagan through and through.

Discovery May End Refrigeration

♦ Dr. H. J. Jay, Durban, South Africa, is the announced discoverer of a new method for keeping fruits fresh, without any change in size, color or flavor, for periods of nine to twelve months, and at slight expense. One and one-half ounces of a new chemical compound, which gives off a colorless gas, will preserve five tons of fruit for a year at a cost of five shillings, is the claim. The only attention needed is the opening of a valve to let gas out or air in, so as to maintain a constant pressure.

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Wholesale Order



The young man had been looking through a collection of valentine cards. Yet he seemed uncertain as to what he should buy.

"Here's a lovely sentiment," said the clerk, helpfully. "To the only girl I ever loved."

"Splendid," he cried, "I'll take six of those, please."—*Labor*.

Youngster Talked Too Much

The burglar had made a big haul when a voice behind him said, "Hands up!" He turned to find himself facing the owner of the house, who was holding a revolver. Just as the burglar was about to surrender his loot he heard a thin voice pipe up: "Daddy, what are you doing with my water pistol?"—*Tit-Bits*.

S O S

Little Bobby came into the house at noon looking distressed.

"Mummy," he said, "is it true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away?"

"Yes, dear," replied his mother. "Why?"

"Well, I've kept ten doctors away this morning, but I'm afraid one will have to come this afternoon!"—*Labor*.

Same Big Idea

A German and a Swiss fell into conversation.

The German said: "I'm told that Switzerland has an admiral! How can that be when you haven't a navy or a coast or an empire?"

The Swiss replied: "Well, you in Germany have a Minister of Justice, haven't you?"—*The Star*.

Outwitted!

Page: The chariot awaits without, muhlord.

Muhlord: Without what?

Page: Without the door, muhlord—also without horses, without gas and without a steering wheel.

Muhlord: Gadzooks, thou varlet. Get thee hence henceforth! Forthwith!! Without!!! Outside!!!!

Next!

What do you do here for a living in summer?

Floridian (to Northerner): We skin alligators in summer and Northerners in the winter, and we have just about finished with the alligators.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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A Mighty Catholic in the "Pit" (In Three Parts—Part 2)

In the issue of this magazine next preceding this number were published the facts relative to the wickedness of a high judicial official who was tried and unanimously convicted of selling his high office for money; also a promise to submit an interview from one against whom that high official and other high Catholics conspired. This writer asked Judge Rutherford certain questions, which questions, and his answers thereto, are set out below and speak for themselves.

THE slimy trail of the Hierarchy is as devious as a twisting serpent. They falsely charge men with crimes which were never committed, and then point to such malicious and unfounded charges as evidence against the ones framed. Read in this and in the succeeding issue of *Consolation* how the agents of Rome railroaded Judge Rutherford and seven other Christians to jail on trumped-up accusations; how they now point to such wicked imprisonment of the righteous which they maneuvered and howl vociferously about their own patriotism. At the same time their presses are UNIVER-SALLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY SILENT about the fine patriotic service rendered by the Departments of Investigation and Justice in convicting MARTIN T. MANTON, and thus RIDDING THE BENCH OF A CRIMINAL the like of which has not been known in the 150 years of America's existence! If you know the Hierarchy you know why their presses are silent about this conviction, and you are right! MARTIN T. MANTON is a high official in the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

Learn from this series of articles how the Roman Catholic Hierarchy praises to the heights felons like Manton while condemning the innocent who tell the truth. Learn what "patriotism" means in Cath-

olic usage. Can an anti-Catholic be patriotic? Can a criminal be unpatriotic if he is a distinguished Catholic? Keep this issue and the ones preceding and following of *Consolation* and read this searching exposure of Catholic conspiracy and intrigue in which convict Manton had a prominent part.

INTERVIEW FOR CONSOLATION

QUESTION: May the public have from you a statement of the facts relating to the conspiracy of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and other religionists to destroy you and the work of Jehovah's witnesses during the World War?

ANSWER: That would require a lengthy statement, but I will give you a brief review of the salient facts. At the outbreak of the World War, in 1914, I was in Europe, and remained there for about two months on a lecture tour throughout Scandinavia and England. The clergy of England were supporting the war, and from their pulpits the following phrase was often used by a preacher, addressed to the young men of the vicinity: "You must go to war; but marry and breed before you go!"

When I returned to America I found that most of the clergymen were urging the United States to get into the war. Contrary to their course of action, William Jennings Bryan, who was at that time Secretary of State under President Wilson, was making a tour of the country urging the United States to stay out

of the war. Mr. Bryan resigned as Secretary of State when the United States entered the war.

During the years 1915 and 1916 and subsequently I gave many public addresses throughout the United States and Canada stressing the prophecy uttered by Jesus concerning the end of the world. (Matthew the 24th chapter) I pointed out that the events then coming to pass showed that the end of Satan's uninterrupted rule over the nations of earth came in 1914 and that the war and things accompanying it were strong evidence in fulfillment of the prophecy uttered by Jesus. I cited many scriptures to prove that the world war, as stated by Jesus, was "the beginning of sorrows" upon the nations of earth and that those sorrows would continue until the final end at Armageddon. I stressed the command of the Lord Jesus, that the time had arrived when "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations".—Matthew 24: 14.

A few clergymen in England, early in 1918, had issued a manifesto calling attention to the fact that the World War and accompanying events were in fulfillment of the prophecy of Jesus above quoted, concerning the end of the world. There were no Catholic clergymen and no other religionists in America obeying the commandment of the Lord by calling attention to this important prophecy.

On the contrary, the clergymen of the United States and of Canada were preaching the same old stuff they had been telling the people for years, and adding thereto that now the nations must go to war, to "make the world safe for democracy".

I emphasized this fact: that if clergymen believed the Lord Jesus Christ and did represent Him they should obey His commandment; and obeying it they must be telling the people what the war meant and that this was evidence of the end of Satan's organization and that soon Armageddon would follow; and that they should tell the people that God's kingdom is the only hope of the world and urge them to prepare for the final end.

I further emphasized the fact that if these men could not preach the truth as commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ, then they should cease claiming themselves to be representatives of God and Christ on earth, and take a position squarely on the other side, so that the people would not be deceived by their conduct and by their words.

My lectures along this line greatly angered the clergymen. In Canada and in the United States the clergymen organized a campaign of abuse against me and against our Society. I challenged them to an open discussion of the matter, that the people might hear the facts. Finally the clergymen of southern California signed a paper agreeing to select a man to represent them in a debate with me. The debate was held in Los Angeles upon four successive evenings. That fanned the fires of hatred of the clergymen against me more than ever.

In 1917 the United States went into war. The clergymen were advocating that the United States go to war: Congress passed the conscription act, or what is better known as the Selective Draft Act, which provided that men who because of religious beliefs could not conscientiously engage in war might be exempted.

I was asked by many young men in the country as to what course they should take in this regard. In every instance my advice was to this effect, given to young men who requested it, to wit: 'If you cannot conscientiously engage in war, Section 3 of the Selective Draft Act makes provision for you to file application for exemption. You should register and file your application for exemption, setting forth the reason, and the draft board will pass on your application.' I never did more than to advise them to take advantage of the act of Congress. I always insisted that every citizen should obey the law of the land as long as that law was not in conflict with God's law.

On many of the draft boards a clergyman sat as a member of the board, and the applications of these young men setting forth their claims to believe in God and Christ's kingdom and that they could not conscientiously engage in war greatly angered the clergy, and the fire of hatred continued to increase against our Society.

Then a definite conspiracy came to light; and the purpose of that conspiracy was to devise ways and means to destroy our work of proclaiming the truth of God's Word throughout the land, because the truth exposed the duplicity and hypocrisy of the clergymen and showed that they were not representing God and Christ's kingdom.

In furthering that conspiracy a large number of clergymen held a conference in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1917, and at that conference appointed a committee to visit Washington and insist on a revision of the Selective Draft

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Act and the Espionage Law. That committee called on the Department of Justice. At that time John Lord O'Brian, of Buffalo, was a member of the Department of Justice at Washington, and at the instance of the clergymen he was selected to prepare an amendment to the Espionage Law and have it introduced in the Senate. The amendment provided that all offenses committed in violation of the Espionage Law should be tried by a military court and the penalty inflicted should be death. That bill *did not* pass, for reasons hereinafter stated.

General Bell was in command of an army encamped on Long Island, New York. He was a real diplomat, as many will testify who knew the general. He came to visit at my office and spent several hours with me. At that time a number of men connected with the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY had been called for military service and were then at the camp under the command of General Bell. All of these were conscientious objectors and had asked to be exempted from military service.

On the occasion mentioned General Bell used his most persuasive methods in his effort to induce me to give these young men instructions to take whatever service he might assign them to take, whether across the sea or otherwise. My answer to the general was this, in substance: "Every man must decide for himself what he will do; the responsibility is on him, and him alone; he knows what his conscience dictates to him, and it would be very wrong for me to attempt to induce any young man to violate his conscience; I cannot, therefore, tell these young men what they must do."

The general stated to me that he needed a letter from me, and insisted that I write a letter to those young men that he could take to them and read, telling them what to do. I declined to do this. Then he said: "Well, can't you give me some kind of a letter?" Finally I wrote a letter stating, in substance, this to these young men, to wit: "Each one of you must decide for himself whether he wishes to engage in active military service or not. Do what you consider to be your duty and what is right in the sight of Almighty God."

That letter was not satisfactory to the general, but really piqued him very much. A few days afterwards W. E. Van Amburgh and myself visited General Bell at his camp on Long Island. His aide-de-camp was present in his office, and on that occasion the general, in the presence of his officer, Brother Van

Amburgh and myself, repeated to me the fact of the conference of the many clergymen which was held at Philadelphia and which I have just mentioned.

He then told me more about that conference than I had learned before. He told me that the clergymen had selected John Lord O'Brian to present the matter to the Senate; that this resulted in the introduction of a bill to have all cases against the Espionage Law tried before a court martial, a military court, and the punishment death. The bill, when it came to the attention of President Wilson, was stopped, because Wilson would not permit it to be passed.

The general at that time showed considerable heat. Before him on his desk lay a package of papers, and with his index finger he tapped these and, directing his speech to me, with real feeling said: "That bill did not pass, because Wilson prevented it; but we know how to get you, and *we are going to do it!*" To that statement I replied: "General, you will know where to find me."

At this time I call attention to the fact that Pastor Russell in his lifetime had written much about Revelation and Ezekiel's prophecy. After his death, George Fisher and C. J. Woodworth were selected to compile those writings and put them in the form of a book, which was called "The Seventh Volume". They did this work; I did not write anything whatsoever in that book, and the only thing I had to do with it was that I signed a contract on behalf of the Society to have it published. That book, also called "The Finished Mystery", was issued on the 17th of July, 1917, and had a very wide circulation in different parts of the country. In February, 1918, that book was banned in Canada, and this action was taken by the Canadian government at the instance of the clergymen, as the press reports at that time showed.

On February 12, 1918, the public press contained the following dispatch from Ottawa, Canada: "The Secretary of State, under the press censorship regulations, has issued warrants forbidding the possession in Canada of a number of publications, amongst which is the book published by the International Bible Students Association, entitled 'Studies in the Scriptures—The Finished Mystery', generally known as the posthumous publication of Pastor Russell."

The very next day after that order forbidding the circulation of *The Finished Mystery*

was issued, the books of account of the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, at 17 Hicks St., Brooklyn, were seized by the department of secret service at Washington and carried away for examination. The circumstances show that action was being taken by the Canadian and the United States government at the same time and the clergymen were backing it up, really urging it to be done. The secular press throughout the country called especial attention to what had been done in Canada and in America.

Winnipeg papers had previously announced that certain clergymen had denounced these publications from their pulpits and stated that the attention of the Attorney General had been called to the matter. Later, the *Winnipeg Tribune*, after mentioning the order issued by the public censor, said, "The banned publications are alleged to contain seditious and anti-war statements. Excerpts from one of the recent issues of the 'Bible Students Monthly' were denounced from the pulpit a few weeks ago by Rev. Charles G. Patterson, Pastor of St. Stephen's Church. Afterward Attorney General Johnson sent to Rev. Patterson for a copy of the publication. The censor's order is believed to be the direct result."

As further evidence of the nature of this conspiracy, and who the backers of it were, note the following press dispatch of March 5, 1919, which reviewed the case long after and was widely published throughout the nation: "Unduly harsh sentences imposed on a number of persons convicted during the war emergency for violating the espionage act. . . . Acted on today, officials of the department of justice said prisoners had been victims of war-time passion or prejudice. . . ."

"ASK CLEMENCY FOR EIGHT

"Thousands of letters have been received by the department of justice, asking executive clemency for J. F. Rutherford, head of the International Bible Students Association, and seven associates now serving sentences in the Atlanta federal prison on charges of disloyalty growing out of publication of the 'Finished Mystery', a Bible handbook. These cases were appealed by the convicted men from the federal district court in Brooklyn, and are pending in the appellate court. Officials indicated that no action would be taken in their cases until the appellate court had rendered a decision."

Before the imprisonment of myself and the

others, in a public address at Atlanta, Ga., which is quoted by the *Atlanta Constitution* of Monday, April 8, 1918, I pointed out the cause of this determined effort to get us out of the way, and said: "Unable to answer the convincing argument that the world has ended and that millions now on earth will never die, and that wonderful blessings will follow to the people after the war, and moved by the spirit of jealousy, the clergy have instituted a systematic persecution of us. We have been charged with circulating 'Hun propaganda' and being disloyal to the government of the United States. Such charges are base and foul, without a semblance of truth. . . . We are not against the war. I have never uttered a sentence to the discredit of the government. I have always held that the government has the authority to declare war and to draft its citizens, and I have only gone to the extent of giving legal advice as to the right of Christians or conscientious objectors to claim exemption or classification under Section 3 of the Selective Draft Act."

Returning now to the seizure of the publications. Some time was spent in examining all the books and papers seized, and nothing detrimental was found. Everything we had done here was open and aboveboard. However, some things were seized upon as an excuse to charge us with wrongdoing. Within a short time thereafter a member of the secret service department known as the Intelligence Bureau, a man named Converse, began a systematic visit to my office. He would call and ask a few questions, then retire, and return the next day and do the same thing. Converse time and again intimated that the government was after me. I was certain that there was a real motive back of these daily visits and that it was to entrap me if possible.

To flee the country when likely to be charged with a crime is always evidence of guilt that may be offered to prove guilt. I am certain that the secret service bureau was endeavoring to frighten me in order to induce me to flee, thus to secure evidence to put before a jury and to secure, if possible, my conviction. . .

Converse continued to hammer away with this undeniable purpose. On the last occasion of his visit he asked me this question: "The government wants to know where you are going to be the next two weeks." I replied: "If I were to come into your office and put that question to you, you would tell me to go somewhere, wouldn't you?" He responded with

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feeling: "Then you want me to tell the government to go to hell." I answered: "I did not say that, but if you wish to construe my language that way, why, take it that way."

Then he put this question to me: "The government wants to know what is your itinerary for the next two weeks." I replied: "My itinerary is published in *The Watch Tower*." He requested a copy, and I said: "No, I can't give you a copy; you can have one for five cents if you go down to 17 Hicks St. and buy it."

Further addressing Mr. Converse, I added: "Converse, I am getting tired of your visits here. There is no reason for you to come. I have answered all your questions. Now you leave this office, and don't you ever show your face in here again unless you come with a warrant for my arrest. And if you do come without that I'll throw you out on your face. GET OUT." He left.

A few days thereafter, agreeable to my itinerary, I was in Washington, D.C., to deliver a lecture on the subject, "THE WORLD HAS ENDED." So far as our office had been informed, no one knew at what hotel I was going to stop. I went to the Raleigh hotel. Evidently I was being shadowed, because I had not been in my room five minutes when my telephone rang and a gentleman announced that he wished to see me. On inquiry as to who he was he said: "I am Judge Harris of Oklahoma." I said: "All right, come up, Judge."

He came to my room, and after a brief conversation he gave me some information which apparently he had from some other source. I had never seen him before, and knew of no reason why he should have any interest in me.

He said to me this: "You are going to be arrested in a few days, and I just want to give you a tip." I construed that as another effort to frighten me and get me to flee. I went to the opera house and delivered the speech that I had been advertised to deliver and took the next train for New York.

In a few days thereafter the United States marshal appeared at my office with a warrant for my arrest and also that of seven or eight others named in the warrant as to be arrested, charged with a violation of the Espionage Law. The indictment was based chiefly upon a publication of one paragraph of *The Finished Mystery*, not one letter of which I ever wrote or had anything to do with. That paragraph is, to wit: "Nowhere in the New Testament is Patriotism (a narrow-minded hatred of other peoples) encouraged. Everywhere and

always murder in its every form is forbidden; and yet, under the guise of Patriotism the civil governments of earth demand of peace-loving men the sacrifice of themselves and their loved ones and the butchery of their fellows, and hail it as a duty demanded by the laws of heaven."

We appeared in court, entered our plea of "not guilty", and our counsel filed a motion in the case covering some legal points. The attorneys of the case went into chambers with Judge Howe, who had been selected to try the case, and on that occasion Howe briefly announced: "I propose to give these men all that is coming to them."

The United States assistant district attorney Butler, a dyed-in-the-wool Catholic, was assigned to prosecute us. Assisting him was Judge Oeland, hired as special counsel, and no doubt hired by the conspirators, even though the government paid the bill. The trial began, and lasted over a period of days, and during that time I frequently saw in company with Judge Oeland and the assistant district attorney Catholic priests conferring with them and advising them what to do. How they knew about what should be done was strange to me; for they were not acquainted with any of us. That is to say, it might seem strange; but I knew the purpose was to carry out their conspiracy to destroy us if possible.

Our trial progressed and divers and numerous prejudicial errors were committed. I recall one thing in particular. A note written by Jack London concerning war had been published some time before the United States got into war, and with that publication I had not the slightest bit to do; yet that was admitted in evidence as my sentiments and the sentiments of my fellow defendants. Time and again the trial judge showed his heat and conviction of our "guilt", and thus influenced the jury; and this is further shown by the final instructions of the court.

The case was tried during great excitement; the German army was advancing on Paris, and the papers carried full accounts thereof; bands were in the streets, marching about the courthouse where we were being tried; and great crowds were in the streets. Under this setting and in the excitement it was easy to prejudice the people in general against us. Notwithstanding all this, however, the jury hesitated a long while before rendering a verdict. Finally Judge Howe sent word in to them that they must bring in a verdict of

"Guilty", as one of the jurors afterwards stated to us. They did bring in a verdict of "Guilty", and a sentence of 80 years was imposed upon us. We were denied bail, and immediately put in prison.

We were incarcerated in the Raymond Street jail, Brooklyn, where we remained for seven days, and then removed to Long-Island City, where we were kept in jail until we were taken to the Federal Penitentiary.

In the meantime our attorneys made application before the United States Court of Appeals for bail. Martin T. Manton, the chief justice, assigned the hearing of this bail application to himself, although the application had been made to Judge Ward. Upon hearing the application Manton denied bail without assigning any reason whatsoever.

When we reached the Atlanta penitentiary it was quite evident that the officers had been advised as to what kind of men we were, because they seemed to know all about us. We were warned that we were not to do any preaching while in the prison. A short time after this, however, a Sunday school was organized at the instance of the deputy warden, and each one of the prisoners was free to attend or not, as he liked.

Our little party of eight attended and started a class of our own, and within a short time almost all the Sunday school attendants joined our class, to the number of about one hundred in all, and they heard the truth while we were in the prison.

Referring now to our conviction: You will note the press reports that the clergy felicitated one another and patted one another on the back, and said to one another, after the verdict of "guilty" was brought in and the sentence imposed: "Now we are through with that pestiferous crowd of Russellites." They soon had to change their tune. After the case had been heard on appeal, and reversed, I went to every city in the United States of any consequence and put an advertisement in the leading papers covering an entire page to this effect: "SENTENCED TO 80 YEARS IN PRISON AT THE INSTANCE OF THE CLERGY. COME AND HEAR THE REASON WHY." And my lectures over a period of two years thereafter burned them up; and their anger has increased ever since.

Manton, acting with the other Catholic conspirators, did his best to keep us in prison, as the court record will show.

There are many other interesting points that I might call attention to, but these are the principal ones, and you can get other facts from the court record and other parties.

Note the following from the files of the Clerk of Court dated July 12, 1918:

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS
Second Circuit

Joseph F. Rutherford, et al. [and others]

v.

United States,

Defendant in Error

A motion having been made before the undersigned as a judge of this court for an order admitting the defendants to bail pending the writ of error herein;

Upon consideration thereof it is

ORDERED that said motion be and hereby is denied.

[signed] MANTON, C. J.

Thereafter application was made by attorneys for defendants to the United States Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis. Upon his order another application was made to the Circuit Court of Appeals of New York. After nine months from the time of incarceration in prison the defendants were admitted to bail, ten thousand dollars each. This order was made March 21, 1919. On March 29, 1919, the defendants were released from prison. A short time thereafter the case was heard on appeal, and the judgment was reversed, defendants discharged, and in due time the case was dismissed entirely by the United States District Attorney upon order of the Attorney General, and all the defendants were therefore automatically fully restored to citizenship and were never at any time convicts within the meaning of the law.

Although the Court Records show these facts, the Catholic press for more than twenty years has maliciously, deliberately, dubbed Judge Rutherford as an ex-convict, knowing at the time that they are lying. At the same time they have carried on a campaign of vilification against him and have failed to answer anything charged against them with reference to their religious racket. Contrast that with the fact that the highest man on the United States Court of Appeals is convicted of a most malicious and wicked crime and the same Catholic press

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is ABSOLUTELY SILENT about it even to this day.

In view of this malicious effort on the part of the clergy to convict and incarcerate in prison and destroy men of entire innocence, and because those men were preaching the gospel of God's kingdom, the truth, which exposes the duplicity of the clergymen, the readers will

be keenly interested in the appeal of this case, the hearing of it, and the opinion rendered by the Court, and particularly in the fact that a majority of the judges found that the defendants were not guilty as convicted and Manton still insisted that they should be kept in prison. This will appear in the next issue.—
Elton Groves.

Railroads and Steamships

Want a Job on the Railroad?



There was a time when any young man could get a job on a railroad and confidently look forward to promotion. That time is past. Today the railroads are employing fewer men than they did twenty years ago, and soon they will be employing fewer still. Moreover, the fast trains have been speeded up until there are fewer Pullman jobs. Buses and airplanes have cut the heart out of the railroad business.

Acoustics Save the Normandie

◆ The claim is made that an expert on acoustics saved the \$50,000,000 steamer Normandie from the junk heap. The vessel vibrated so that it made the passengers sick and the boat became unpopular. The expert, S. K. Wolf, made five trips across, testing every part of the ship, and finally found that by increasing the blades from four to five in the ship's propellers 80 percent of the vibration was stopped.

Ten Fruitless Trips Around the World

◆ In the autumn of 1938 the Finnish owner of ten sailing vessels sent them all the way to Australia to get cargoes of wheat for the European market, only to find the market so shrunk that it was expected the vessels would either have to return to Europe empty or lie over for a full year to obtain a cargo.

Queen Mary Is Queen Indeed

◆ The Queen Mary is queen indeed of the Atlantic, having covered the 2,938 miles from Ambrose to Bishops Light in 3 days 20 hours 42 minutes, and now holding the record in both directions. Westward record, 66 minutes longer.

Close Spacing of Fast Trains

◆ A television device now makes possible the close spacing of swift trains. The transmitter broadcasts an electrical wave down one rail of the track. If there is a train ahead, the wave travels up one of its wheels on the same rail of the track, then through the axle, and finally returns through the other rail to the transmitting train where a pencil beam of electrons moving across a scale makes visible figures corresponding to the distance and speed of the train ahead.

Steam-Electric Locomotive

◆ Two years were spent by the General Electric Company and the Union Pacific Railroad Company in designing and building a steam-electric engine which will be expected to haul a 12-car Pullman train between Chicago and the Pacific Coast without asking for a pusher anywhere. The grades are up to 2.2 percent, and the temperatures vary from 40 degrees below zero to 115 degrees above, on the U. P. lines.

Fast Time in the West

◆ The Santa Fe makes the 789.3 miles between Chicago and Dodge City, Kansas, in 725 minutes, which figures out at 65.3 miles per hour. The Union Pacific makes the 893 miles from Chicago to Sidney, Nebraska, in 745 minutes, or 71.92 miles per hour.

Fins of the New Mauretania

◆ The new Mauretania, built for comfort and economy, not for speed, carries two long anti-rolling fins stretching almost from bow to stern.

Rocky Mountain States

False Patriotism



Arizona wishes to teach its children to be patriotic. Therefore allegedly patriotic groups in the state arrange for the passage of a law which denies any education to any child who refuses to salute the American flag. Recently four Arizona children whose parents belong to a religious sect which bans such salutes were expelled from an Arizona school on the basis of this law.

We submit that this is not patriotic and is certainly not education for patriotism.

No evidence has appeared that these children are not patriotic. There is, however, ample evidence that these children and all Arizona children are being carefully trained in a false idea of what constitutes patriotism. It would appear that Arizona children are being taught that forms and gestures constitute patriotism.

It appears that these children who have been thrown out of school have been told in actions which speak far louder than words that patriotism is a vicious, coercive and anti-religious doctrine which denies them their democratic rights to individual freedom.

It is not by making people outcasts that we can create patriots. If this country is not big enough and strong enough and fine enough to inspire that love which comes from the heart, if the only patriotism on which this nation can depend is the lip service which is forced from unwilling citizens by fear of punishment, then there is no patriotism and can be no patriotism in America. Let us root out the idea that the country should adopt the practice of tyrants and dictators who demand the form at the point of a bayonet and who forget the substance which we in America have always cherished and should continue to cherish.—*The Arizona Daily Star.*

Denver Has Plenty of Water

◆ After a fifty-year fight Denver at last has plenty of water. The needed additional supply is brought through the Rocky Mountains 6.3 miles in a tunnel under James Peak, and thence down South Boulder Canyon. The project cost approximately \$11,000,000. The Government assisted. The use of public funds for such things is proper and beneficial all round.

More About Cotton Picking

◆ I have been in the cotton belt the most of my life (am now past 70) and have seen the time I could pick 500 pounds per day. It is a very poor picker that cannot get as much as 150 pounds, and there are many that can pick 400 pounds to 600 pounds per day. The price for picking here this year has been 75¢ per 100 pounds; so you see the wages are not so bad.

Sometimes the hands swell for the first three or four days and then quit. If the fingers crack we protect them with adhesive tape and they soon get well. As to the back, of course it aches. So do one's legs, when not used to it; the same with any other part of the body at first.

You have this advantage in picking cotton which you do not have at some other jobs: you can get on your knees and rest your back and pick just as much and sometimes more that way. Men, women and children all pick during the season and make good money doing so.—A. H. Austin, Arizona.

Lake Mead

◆ Lake Mead, created by Boulder Dam, is the greatest man-made lake on earth. It contains sufficient water to provide 5,000 gallons for every man, woman and child on the globe. It would cover the whole state of New York to the depth of a foot. The dam itself is 660 feet thick at the base, and 45 feet thick at the top. It is in a gorge so narrow that its crest is only 1,282 feet long. It is the largest structure on earth. When you visit the dam you are first taken down 44 stories in an elevator. Then you walk through the dam itself and come out at the top of the powerhouses, which are themselves 20 stories high. The dam itself is 727 feet high. It was completed in eleven days less than five years.

Mr. Hayes and the D.A.R.

◆ Frank J. Hayes, lieutenant governor of Colorado, described the Daughters of the American Revolution as "old battle-axes, barnacles and scarecrows", "spoiled daughters of fortune" who had forgotten that they were just four generations removed from poor, hardworking farmers, small tradesmen and workers; and then the D.A.R. got good and mad at him. You bad Frank Hayes.

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Public Utilities

City of Holland, Michigan



Public Ownership of Public Utilities mentions that Holland, Michigan, has water and electric public utilities worth \$2,087,713, all paid for and free of debt, contributes to the city an average of \$70,709 per year, sets aside \$61,525 a year for depreciation, contributed \$183,970 towards the construction of the Holland Hospital, and reduced rates for domestic or residential lighting from 8½ cents per kilowatt-hour to 4½ cents. In twenty years in the electric plant the amount of coal necessary to produce a kilowatt-hour of electricity was reduced from 6.51 pounds to 1.94 pounds, and the people of Holland, not some group of New York bankers, received the benefit of the economies effected.

Electricity in Tacoma

◆ Tacoma, Washington, is proud of the fact that in that fair city an electric light can be burned for nearly seventeen hours at a cost of one cent; an electric clock can run for a month at a cost of 1½ cents; a radio will entertain the average family for about 8 cents a month. An electric iron will use up 4 cents' worth of electricity. The home refrigerator will run a month for 20 to 40 cents. An electric dishwasher will cost only 3 cents a month. The *Tacoma Sunday Ledger* wants easterners to read these facts and perspire. They do.

The World's Greatest Transmission Line

◆ The world's greatest electric light and power transmission line stretches from Boulder Dam to Los Angeles, 266 miles. This life line, carrying 287,500 volts, is draped over a series of 2,700 steel towers, each one of which is visited by a watchman every day in the year. Thirty-four patrolmen are needed to make the inspections; their trips are made by automobile, along a road specially built for the purpose.

Public Power in Tennessee

◆ The first state in the United States to have public ownership of power is Tennessee. This should make it speedily one of the busiest, most prosperous parts of the country; for it is hard to exaggerate the importance of cheap power, and there is no reason why it should not be cheap everywhere.

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The Patriotic A. T. & T.

◆ Labor says that the patriotic American Telephone and Telegraph Company maintains an anti-union policy, fighting all progressive legislation, state or national; put 200,000 workers on the street during the depression, but kept on paying its president \$200,000 a year, with many other huge salaries; at the same time paid 9 percent dividends and piled up a reserve fund of \$800,000,000; protects underworld racketeers in the dissemination of racing and gambling information; has exorbitant rates and a lobby and propaganda organization reaching out through banks, newspapers, corporations, schools, colleges and chambers of commerce. And all of this was admitted on the witness stand by A. T. & T. men themselves.

Phone Reconstruction in New England

◆ Almost before the hurricane had passed, experienced long-distance operators had left by airplane from Buffalo, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Washington for Boston, Hartford and Providence. About the same time 596 fully equipped trucks, with their complements of four linemen apiece, were loaded on flat cars and rushed into New England from all states east of the Rocky mountains. At Chicopee Falls the main cable across the stream was broken. A new one was shot across by the Coast Guardsmen.

1c per Kilowatt-Hour in Ottawa

◆ The average rate paid for electric current in Ottawa, the capital of Canada, is less than 1c per kilowatt-hour, and the cheapest in the world. Despite this low rate, the city's hydro-electric commission made a profit of \$11,396 in the year 1938, and turned it over to the city to help pay the general running expenses of the municipality. What rate do you pay in your city? 5c? 10c?

No December Lighting Bills

◆ There were no December lighting bills sent out by the municipally owned electric lighting plants at Martin's Ferry, Ohio; Bloomfield, Iowa; Vinton, Iowa; Denison, Iowa; Cedar Falls, Iowa; Taunton, Illinois; Metropolis, Illinois; Tecumseh, Nebraska; Sandusky, Ohio; Painesville, Ohio; and Pitsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Nine Witnesses in One Family

◆ On this page see Fred Bleich and family and the Kingdom School at Lutz, Fla. Of the twelve children of the family (ranging in age from 2 to 20 years) the five youngest are the only ones not in Kingdom service. See the eight phonographs. The nine who are publishers average better than 38 hours each, monthly.

At Eventide—

The Last House

◆ There are many experiences in the daily life of a publisher of Jehovah's kingdom. Going about from house to house, a true follower of Christ Jesus meets with anger and smiles, hatred and love, interest and indifference, but when the day is over he will find that day spent in the service of the Most High replete with joy, the kind of joy only the Lord's own can and do have. One such experience was my privilege to have, one that brought tears to my eyes, and I am sure that all who love Jehovah will likewise share with me in praising the name of the One who knows how to make His own happy.

After working my territory for fully five hours on a hot and sultry day with no response but opposition and indifference, I finally approached the last house in the block, preparatory to moving on to another "milder" zone. A young girl answered the bell and, after reading the testimony card, firmly refused to call her mother to the door. After a minute of friendly coaxing which got us nowhere, her mother, noting her delay at the door, presented herself and demanded an explanation of my mission there. Immediately I presented the phonograph, offering to play a disc in explanation. The offer was accepted and I was invited in.

After playing the two discs "Jehovah" and "Riches", I presented the literature, but seemingly did not stir up enough interest in her; so I left a booklet free and prepared to depart. At this point the lady said to me: "I have a sick father here in the house who is bedridden at this time. He is more interested than I in these matters. Being that he has been so despondent today, would you be so kind as to play a disc for him in his presence?" I replied that it would be a real pleasure to do so. I accompanied her to her father's bedroom, which was purposely dimly lighted. After the preliminaries, salutations, etc., I received a half-hearted consent to play one disc. I selected "Jehovah", playing that through without any comment from the old gentleman, and

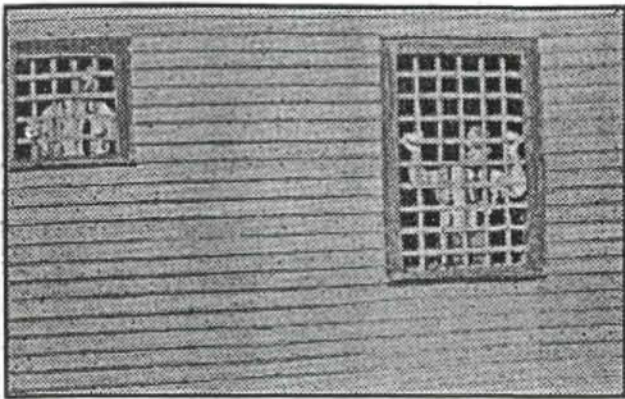
quickly putting on the disc "Riches" and continuing. Everything went on quietly until the part was reached announcing the book *Riches*. As if shocked by an electric current, the old man sat upright in bed and barely whispered: "Is it true? Can it be true? *Riches*! Has Jehovah answered me?" Settling back on his pillow he searched me with



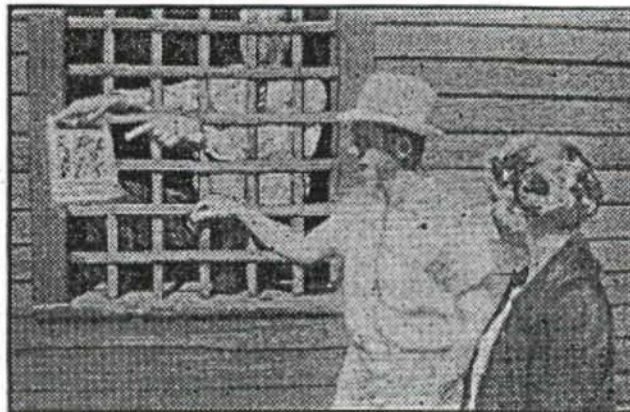
Nine witnesses in one family

eager eyes until the disc was finished. Immediately it was over he began to question me with a quivering voice. "Tell me, who are you? Did Jehovah send you? He must have, as only today, yes, this morning, I prayed that He might send me that book. Have you it with you? Tell me, man. Speak!" Something choking-like was in my throat, and tears welling rapidly in my eyes. I managed somehow to speak, asking him to explain as to his knowledge of the existence of the book *Riches*. His reply was that fully a year had passed since he was presented with a radio folder describing the book. That was in Paraná, a state adjacent to São Paulo. He was unable at the time to contribute for a copy, and later lost the folder, and consequently the branch office address. From that time on he was constantly on the lookout for one of Jehovah's witnesses and praying to Jehovah daily that he might procure a copy. That very morning he had stated to his daughter: "If only I had that book

CONSOLATION



Carencro, La., priest and officials greet and jail Jehovah's Kingdom publishers.



Carencro religionists do it again, and the decent people of town try to find out why.

Riches, I would be satisfied." Well, he has it. He's happy, I'm happy, and all who love Jehovah, His King and His Kingdom that read this will be happy, too.—A. P. Andrade, Brazil.

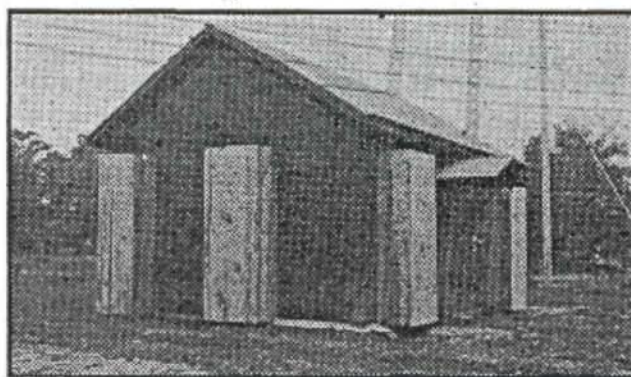
The Jackass of Carencro



Most readers of *Consolation* are also readers of *The Watchtower*, quite probably, and such will have seen the story "Phonograph Plays in Youngsville (La.) Court" which appears on the last page of the issue of August 15, 1939. That story concludes as follows:

In just one little town, Carencro, we were put in jail three times. They took everything away from us, even our Bible. And then the priest had all our windows boarded up so that we could not witness to the people through the bars.

America still has laws, lawyers and judges; and so it took but a little while for Attorney Herman L. Midlo to get the prisoners out on a writ of habeas corpus, and to exhibit the priest to his community as the perfect jackass which his collar proclaims him to be. In some other places the jackass fraternity is awakening, or at least stirring slightly in its sleep. Thus, in its issue of June 25, 1939, *Our Sunday Visitor*, organ of the Roman Catholic bishop, J. Noll, admitted on its front page the self-evident truth that—



Carencro priest orders police to shut off light and air, true Inquisition style; as shown, but habeas corpus proceedings make his jackass collar set him off perfectly.

Rutherford should be refuted. We'd be much wiser to devote our time to answering the arguments. Deprive your enemies of free speech, and your enemies will some day deprive you of your rights. Certainly Rutherford is making capital of Catholic attempts to have him silenced. Fortunately we seem to have given up our misguided efforts along those lines, but there is still a bitter aftertaste from the previous mistakes. We can prove our claims as supporters of liberty only by helping protect the liberty even of those with whom we disagree.

Bishop Noll should bestow his labors on the priestly jackass of Carencro, and do it right away, before the story gets out of how he fell down on his Inquisition job. But maybe the bishop is depressed by the fact that the word Carencro means a place where buzzards assemble, and he may sometime have seen and smelled buzzards feeding on the body of a dead jackass. A sniff of the original Carencro diet is very thought-provoking.

The Birth of a Company

◆ Three months ago our group of five publishers arrived in Douglas, Arizona, to bring the Kingdom message to the people of this town of 10,000 population. There was no goodwill interest on the file, and no company organization. We parked our trailers at the edge

of town and began witnessing. We wrote down the street and number of houses where no one was at home, and later called again to insure a thorough witness. Witnessing first in the residence district, we were soon spending our evenings making back-calls on people of good will. New subscriptions were obtained, and we found people who were hungry for the truth. Next the business district received the witness, literature was placed, and new subscriptions obtained here. The virgin territory was all gone, all having been visited at least once.

At this point opposition showed up. "I cannot take any of those books," replied one woman, "because I have taken an oath giving my word of honor—and I never break my word—that I would not read any of those books. Our priest asked us to take this oath and I have done so. I wish you good luck, though." M. F. McCue, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce (guess his church), sent statements to the *Douglas Daily Dispatch* and a number of "news" items were printed. (Clippings enclosed) Branded as "Public Nuisance No. 1 in this city" we were falsely accused of being "specially obnoxious, almost forcing their way into the homes and remaining for hours". Other false statements were made and we were charged with being "pests" and "religious fanatics". As a sample of how "true" these "news" items were, note this: It was not until we were through witnessing in the town that the items were published, and it was stated that then "the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce is receiving dozens of phone calls daily". Copper cards were then printed, and issued to householders, warning peddlers not to knock unless they had a permit in writing from the Chamber of Commerce.

One man, a Baptist, heard the speeches "Warning" and "Face the Facts" in his home, was well pleased with them, and said, "What

have you done to get this before the public? It is truth! Next time you come back I will have all my friends from the Baptist church here, the preacher, and the elders, and the deacons." When we came back, his friends were not there; and he was a different man. Confronted with choosing between the truth and his friends, this man chose his "friends". "Protestant" clergy chimed in with the opposition and became opposers. "When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers. Thou

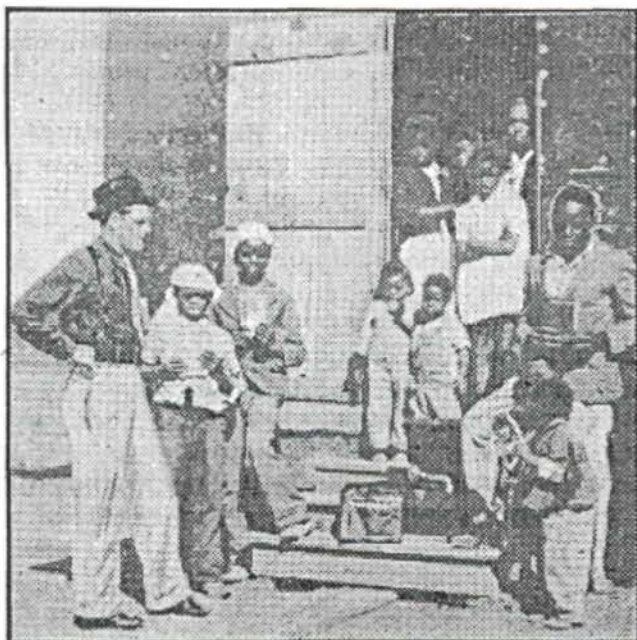
givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit."

(Psalm 50:18,19) As a result, some of the common people were led to believe that Jehovah's witnesses were undesirable and had left town—destination unknown. Some said, "I hear that they have been kicked out of town."

Apparently the opposition had succeeded in driving out Jehovah's witnesses, and the opponents were jubilant. Perhaps it added to their joys to know that Arizona has a swastika-sign on all state highway

markers, and this year is celebrating the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Fray Marcos de Niza, a Catholic priest who it is claimed was the first white man to tread Arizona's soil; who in 1539 came to Arizona, "for the glory of God and the King of Spain."

However much to the dislike of opponents, the story does not end here. A key meeting was held under the direction of the zone servant. Counter-activities were planned. Some of the people of good will of the town who did not approve such highhanded actions wrote letters to the local paper, and they were published. "Fascism or Freedom" was the subject of a public meeting held in the Odd Fellows hall in Douglas. On Saturday evening the day before the meeting an information march was held. The chief of police said that he is for freedom and is opposed to Fascism, and he



Twelve listeners to the Kingdom message in Dixie

Peddler Nuisance Is Not Abated; Problem Studied

M. F. McCue, secretary of the chamber of commerce, reports the need for drastic action of some sort to halt the aggravation of peddlers disturbing the tranquility of both the residence district and the business district. He states he is receiving dozens of phone calls daily from residents complaining about the peddlers that come to their doors.

The chamber is having copper cards printed to be distributed to the householders to be placed at the doors warning peddlers not to knock unless they have been approved by the chamber of commerce. Douglas has a city ordinance aimed at abating this nuisance in that it provides a peddler must secure a license from the police if he sells and delivers merchandise. Those simply taking orders for merchandise to be delivered later escape this license fee which is high enough to discourage the average peddler.

A new outcropping of this nuisance has been the cause of bitter complaint recently. Both from the residence district and from business houses have come complaints that representatives of what is described as a "new religion" have been calling and have been especially obnoxious, almost forcing their way into homes and remaining for hours.

Chief of Police Percy Bowden is making every effort to co-operate with the chamber of commerce and it is pointed out any resident has the full backing of the law in refusing to permit anyone to enter the home. The warning cards will be distributed very shortly after which it is indicated any additional measures that may be necessary will be undertaken.

Douglas, Ariz., Dispatch, Jan. 5, 1939.

Sanitarian Acts To Remove Group After Complaint

Secretary M. F. McCue of the chamber of commerce was jubilant yesterday over the success of at least a part of the drive to rid the city of house-to-house canvassers, branded as public nuisance No. 1 in this city.

Last week McCue conferred with City Sanitarian T. K. Ryan about the possible health menace of one group, said to be religious fanatics, who have been complained against by dozens of residents. This group has been living in house trailers in the Fifteenth street park camp ground. At least one of their number was suffering from active tuberculosis.

The city sanitarian made an investigation with the result the party has departed for an unknown destination. McCue said yesterday he would carry forward the drive for some legal method of discouraging peddlers and solicitors until something definite has been accomplished to abate the nuisance further.

Douglas, Ariz., Dispatch, Jan. 7, 1939.

Peddler Nuisance Grows Serious As Action Demanded

M. F. McCue of the chamber of commerce said yesterday some drastic steps must be taken to rid Douglas of the nuisance created by peddlers and religious fanatics who are driving residents almost frantic by calling at their homes and insisting on entering and being heard.

McCue said the volume of calls of complaint to the chamber of commerce was increasing so rapidly and were so bitter he had been forced to appeal not only to Chief of Police Percy Bowden, but to City Sanitarian Theodore Ryan for aid. The chamber secretary said he had information at least one group of the "pests" might very reasonably be termed health menaces due to their living conditions and the physical condition of some of the group. He laid this section of the case before Sanitarian Ryan in the hope he could act.

There are a good many legal angles to the situation. A peddler must have a license from the city if he sells and delivers at the same time. Chief of Police Bowden asks the co-operation of the residents and promises if some of those who have been harassed by the peddlers will just buy something from one of them and then appear and testify against the seller, that particular nuisance can be eliminated quickly.

Regarding the religious cultists, objects of some of the most bitter complaints, the officers take the stand the constitution guarantees freedom of religion and they can do nothing. It is pointed out, however, that the constitution guarantees the sanctity of the home and the right of the resident to bar his doors to anyone he does not care to entertain. Prosecution for trespass might be resorted to in cases where the door-to-door canvassers are as persistent and rude as they have been declared to be in some of the complaints coming to the chamber of commerce.

Douglas, Ariz., Dispatch, Jan. 10, 1939.

Warning Notices To Halt Nuisance Are Being Issued

Copper colored notices to be tacked on entrances both to residences and business establishments to warn away the peddlers and magazine subscription solicitors, were being issued to all who called for them at the chamber of commerce yesterday. The signs were devised in an effort to reduce the public nuisance of traveling salesmen of every variety. Complaints against these door-to-door peddlers have grown extremely bitter in recent weeks.

The wording on the signs is: "All requests for donations, advertising, subscriptions, orders for merchandise, must be referred to and approved in writing by the Douglas Chamber of Commerce and Mines before any consideration will be given. Please save your time and ours by co-operating."

The thought behind this little card is that if the householder or the merchant will tack it up at the door the peddler can have no legitimate excuse for attempting to sell unless he has a letter from

the Douglas Chamber of Commerce approving his proposition. Such letters, according to the present temper of the chamber and the community will be as "scarce as hen's teeth."

Douglas, Ariz., Dispatch, Jan. 13, 1939.

Letters To The Editor

General Delivery, Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 18, 1939.

The Douglas Daily Dispatch, Douglas, Ariz.

Dear Editor: In your issues of January 8, 9, and 10, you published articles describing a group camped at the 15th street park "members of a fanatical religious group some of which have active tuberculosis, and who force their way into the homes and remain for hours." The above statements are untrue. They convey a false impression to the people of Douglas. So in the interests of truth you will kindly publish this letter.

I am a retired businessman and for the past few years have spent all my time and much of my money in preaching the gospel of God's kingdom as commanded by the Lord. I am deeply concerned about the welfare of my fellowmen and I came here to spend a vacation and to tell the good people here about God's kingdom.

I resent the statement that I forced my way into anyone's home, because a real Christian would not do so. That statement is quite untrue. Jesus says in Matt. 24:14: "This gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world as a witness unto all the nations and then shall the end come." In Isaiah 61:1, and 2, the commandment is "FRESH good tidings unto the meek." In Isaiah 43:10-12 the statement is "Ye are my witnesses that I am God." The apostle Paul went "from house to house" as is stated in Acts 20:20.

I have not got tuberculosis and neither has any of our group. I wonder where you got your authority to say we had. I think the climate here is fine. This is the second winter I have spent in this vicinity, and I expect to come back many times more. The message which Jehovah's witnesses are bringing to the people is not the product of any man, but is the message of the Almighty God as stated in His word, the Bible. The secretary of the chamber of commerce in his efforts to make this town look like a London fog would do well to take note that he is not fighting against man, but against God as stated in 2 Chron. 20:15, "The battle is God's."

Yours truly,
OTTO KJORLEIN;

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 1, 1939.
To The Editor of The Douglas Dispatch.

Dear Sir: I've been reading the articles in The Dispatch about some people of a religious cult that are bothering the people.

Some good Christian people called at my home but they were very polite and I invited them in. My wife went around with them as interpreter, and she says they were very polite everywhere they went.

They would knock on a door, and if they were asked in, very good. If they were not asked in, they went on to the next door.

Such people are always welcome at my home.

Yours respectfully,
F. A. BALLINGER.

Douglas, Ariz., Dispatch, Jan. 19, 1939.

offered his co-operation. A police escort accompanied the march down the main streets of the town. Following the police car, a sound-car gave announcements; next followed 11 marchers carrying "Fascism or Freedom" signs, and concluding the march were four cars also with signs. The newspaper carried a display ad, and the local radio station carried two 100-word announcements telling of this timely subject. Then on Sunday morning 22 publishers arrived and began calling from house to house, personally inviting the people to hear. The sound-car combed the town, inviting the people to attend. The public meeting was conducted as scheduled. Those attending were given free copies of *Face the Facts*; and this final big witness completely cowed the enemy and they were silent!

Now an active company of Jehovah's witnesses is organized and set up in Douglas, is working under Jehovah's Theocratic Government, is under the care of the zone servant; and now, instead of there being no interest and no company, those who were once hungry and starving for the truth are becoming the Lord's "other sheep" and are feeding at Jehovah's table. —Otto Kjorlein, pioneer.

Their Only Argument

◆ "You folks think you are going to hear Judge Ruth-erford deliver a lecture next Sunday, but you won't, for he will be beaten to a pulp," so said a tool of the pope to a witness the week of the Seattle Convention.

Common-sense Teacher

◆ Our two little boys, 7 and 9 years, in the second grade, have never saluted the flag. Nothing was said about it for a long time. Then came the day (patriotic week, I think) when their teacher called the principal of their school in to see about it. He questioned them as to why they refused to salute.

Glenn Paul, who is 7, answered like this: "Saluting the flag is loving the flag more than Jehovah, and if we love anything more than Jehovah we can not live in the Kingdom, and we want to live in the Kingdom." Floyd, who is 9, added: "And if you don't believe that is true, we can bring you a book to prove it to you."

The teacher asked for the book, took *Loyalty*, contributed the penny, and the next day said to Floyd, "Well, Floyd, you were right after all." They still have the flag salute, but our little boys stand and say the pledge, but are not required to salute. On one occasion there was a school play in which there was a flag drill. Glenn Paul did not wish to be in the flag drill, and the teacher said she would find some other place for him. I thought this was very considerate of her.—Mrs. M. Ethleen Masters, Nebraska.

At Napoleonville, Louisiana

◆ At Napoleonville, Louisiana, in the trial of two of Jehovah's witnesses, a gentleman testified that he had learned more about God and His kingdom in six weeks from the WATCHTOWER publications than he had learned in 48 years with the Catholic church. This man is now taking the phonograph around, playing it for his friends, and telling them that if they want everlasting life they should abandon religion and learn the Bible. At the same little village the teachers told the children to inform their parents that if any persons had any WATCHTOWER literature they should report to the Napoleonville courthouse. They had no more right or reason to do this than to require them to bring in all their underwear and socks.

Restrictions of Conscience

◆ The restriction of conscience apparent in the adverse decisions of the Supreme Court in the Macintosh and Schwimmer cases should cause real alarm to thoughtful citizens in this country. If the state can conscript the conscience of its people it has progressed far in the direction of totalitarianism. Jehovah's

witnesses have the truth on their side when they see in flag salutes, oaths of loyalty, and military service even for the objectors a dangerous idolatry which threatens the true worship of God. We should labor to maintain a constant vigilance for a free church. It is our legacy as Americans and our only hope of a victory for democracy and religious freedom.—Reverend Stephen Fritchman, Bangor, Maine, in an address at Orono University.

Paley's Sickening Hypocrisy

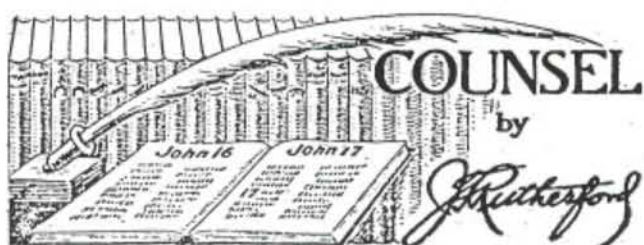
◆ William S. Paley, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System, is out with a statement urging that every person should "have the right to use the microphone within the limits of decency and the laws of libel", and yet flatly refused to sell time to Jehovah's witnesses to broadcast the good news of God's kingdom as the hope of the world. Indeed all who fawn before the Roman Catholic Hierarchy are quick to ape its sickening hypocrisy, which in the same breath proclaims that it is the great spokesman for human liberty and demands the right to murder "heretics", that is, persons disagreeing with its teachings.

Knockers and Boosters

◆ I am a pioneer and on the roof of my car have a large sign mounted which reads: "Religion is a snare and a racket; Serve God and Christ the King. Jehovah's witnesses." One day while witnessing in the city I had the car parked outside a school and the children were just coming out when three boys, 12 to 13 years of age, stopped to read. The first said, "That guy in that car is nuts." The second said, "I think it takes guts to sit in it"; and the third said, "Well, he has more nerve than I have." Every knock is a boost.—J. James, Canada.

Jehovah's witnesses Amused

◆ Jehovah's witnesses are amused when they read that 5,200,000 copies of *Mein Kampf* were sold, and brought \$3,536,000 in royalties to Hitler. The same papers that mention this huge output of books somehow never find room for a line that more than fifty times as many of Judge Rutherford's books have been placed in the hands of the people, that they are a million times better books, and that the people get them at much less per volume than 10 percent of the charge made for *Mein Kampf*.



Peace

THE RANK AND FILE of the conservative people of all nations desire peace. Relying upon worldly religious leaders such people are often victims of deception. If they have confidence in their religious leaders, they are almost certain to be deceived at the present time by such professed supporters of peace but who, in fact, are against peace. A hypocrite is a deceiver. Hypocrisy is the practice of that which results in deceiving others. The following definitions are taken from the standard lexicographers:

HYPOCRITE: One who plays a part for the purpose of winning approbation or favor, or feigns to be other and better than he is; a false pretender.

HYPOCRISY: Act or practice of feigning to be what one is not; false form or appearance of virtue or religion.

The newspapers published by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy reporting the death of the late pope Pius emphasize the statement that the last word uttered by him upon his deathbed was, "Peace." When the present pope, Pacelli, was elected, the same papers published the statement that his first word as pope was, "Peace." It is exceedingly doubtful whether there is any truth in the published statements. Doubtless the pope on his deathbed said nothing about peace and the same is true with reference to the incoming pope; but such publication was for the purpose of deceiving the people. The acts of the late pope and the acts of the present pope directly and emphatically contradict advocacy or desire for peace. The undisputed facts are these: The cruel war prosecuted by Franco, the Catholic, against Spain, in which many harmless persons were murdered, was fully approved by the pope. The pope not only advocated and supported such war, but he pronounced his blessings upon it. When Franco entered Barcelona his first act was to perform mass at the instance of the pope. The real purpose of that war was to put Spain under the control of the Fascist-

Catholic combine. The further fact that Fascist Italy prosecuted a war of conquest against Abyssinia, in which many harmless persons were killed, and that the pope endorsed that war and placed his blessing upon it, directly contradicts his "desire" for peace. The totalitarian government that rules Germany and has recently grabbed Austria, and wrecked Czechoslovakia, and other European countries, and threatens to plunge all Europe into war, has had the full endorsement of both the late and the present pope. The present pope is a shrewd politician, who is playing the game of politics that will lead the nations into war. Inconsistency, hypocrisy, is stamped indelibly upon the acts of the late pope, as well as those of the present pope. Their supposed advocacy of peace has deceived and is deceiving many gullible or credulous persons who really desire peace.

The present-day situation is exactly a fulfillment of prophecy recorded centuries ago in the Scriptures. Jerusalem was typical of "Christendom". Jerusalem had forgotten her obligation to God. In "Christendom", where the Papacy, political-religious combine takes the lead, these claim to serve God, but serve the Devil. The words of Jehovah's prophet Jeremiah apply primarily to Jerusalem, but apply with greater force today to the religious leaders, and particularly to the Papacy, to wit: "For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace."—Jeremiah 6:13, 14.

The Papacy covets that which does not belong to her, namely, to rule the earth. The Papacy tries to deceive the people in order to gain complete control of them, and to allay the fears of the people the Papacy pretends to be for peace and cries out, "Peace, peace"; "when there is no peace."

There will be no peace on earth until after Armageddon, which is the battle of the great day of God Almighty, and in which Satan's organization, including the religious institutions, shall be completely destroyed. Then the Prince of Peace, Christ Jesus, will rule the world in peace and righteousness. Those who trust in the Lord and obey Him will be the only ones who will find the place of safety from that terrible disaster and who will thereafter dwell in peace.

Russia

Ready for War



Ten years ago or more the Soviet Union signed a convention abolishing the use of poison gas and bacteriological warfare. To that we still adhere, but—but if our enemies use such methods against us, I tell you what, we are prepared—and fully prepared—to use them also and to use them against aggressors on their own soil.

We are not blind to the lessons of the wars in Spain and China. We do not want war. We hate war. But if they force war upon us we shall not hesitate to fight them with every weapon at our command and fight them tenfold on their own ground.

The navy does not rank with the highest, but it is already adequate to defend Soviet shores. Our tanks are good enough.

Our aviation is as good as any—if not better. Our artillery has shown in practice what it can do in war. Our infantry is not only well trained, equipped and disciplined, but every man in the ranks knows what he is fighting for and why.

The U.S.S.R. wants peace, not war. It has no aggressive designs or intentions, but let its enemies realize that that is not a sign of weakness. If they attack, the U.S.S.R. will not only defend itself, but will strike back with all its force.—Russian War Commissar Voroshiloff, in an address to military officers in Moscow.

Child Brides of Czarist Russia

◆ Czarist Russia was not such a paradise for women as some imagine. What do you think of a child of eleven being sold to a man of 65 who already had three wives? Or a child of 9 being sold to a man of 55 for two horses, a cow and 500 rubles of silver? Or women of 14 or 15 years of age who were sent to a stable or to the woods to give birth to their babies alone? It is one of the prides of Soviet Russia that many of these former child brides of Czarist days are now serving as lawyers, engineers, teachers, aviators, and editors.

The Drink of the Proletariat

◆ More than 5,000,000 bottles of champagne were produced in Soviet Russia in 1937. It has been decided to build two more factories, one in Tiflis and the other in Moscow.—J. W. Williams, Lithuania.

Learns to Read

◆ Before the Russian revolution 70 percent of the Russian people could neither read nor write and there were large areas in what is now the Soviet Republic where fully 95 percent were illiterate. The change that has taken place in twenty years is most remarkable; for it is claimed that there are now only 7 percent of illiterates in the whole of the territory occupied by the Soviet; there are great numbers of public libraries, and they are well patronized; and though the literature available is, for the most part, propaganda material of the Soviet, yet, as education increases, the demands of the people for other mental food are bound to increase and be gratified.

Did Not Want to Be Murdered

◆ Because he did not wish to be murdered by the insane dictator of Russia, Alexander Barmin, nineteen years in the service of the Soviet Government, fled from his post as Russian minister to Greece. He fully expects to share the same fate as was meted out to the ambassadors to Germany, Poland, Turkey, Latvia, Lithuania, and to hundreds of other enthusiastic socialists who have been executed at the behest of the red murderer Stalin.

Those Orgies with the Nuns

◆ Dispatches from Warsaw say that the 65-year-old head of the Old Orthodox Church, Sergei Krutitsky, when arrested, was surrounded by naked nuns. Thirty-two of the nuns were arrested, along with three priests that had assisted the Very Most Altogether Reverend Krutitsky in his religious exercises.

Phosphates from Kirovsk

◆ Kirovsk, Russia, north of the Arctic Circle, has become an important source of phosphate rock, used in the manufacture of fertilizers. In eight years the population grew from 200 to 35,000, and in 1936 some 2,000,000 tons of the apatite or phosphate ore was mined.

Rare Find for Numismatists

◆ A rare find was that at Lake Ladoga, near Leningrad, Russia. A treasure of 11,000 coins, Saxon, Danish, Czech and Italian, some of them bearing dates of the 11th century, was brought to light. The coins were found in a copper kettle.

The Press

The Case of Daisy Waller



A graphic illustration of how news of sensational cures by chiropractic is withheld from the public is the story of little Daisy Waller. All over the land, in 1937, newspapers carried the story of this eight-year-old Atlanta, Ga., girl, over whose beautiful face a mask of stone was slowly forming and whose body was gradually turning to rock. The newspapers kept the public in touch with this petrifying child, then suddenly she was no longer news. Why? Because she had been cured by a chiropractor! Since the medicos couldn't afford to have the newspapers print the truth that this medically doomed girl was cured by chiropractic, silence was the policy adopted by the Medical Trust. But:

The stone mask that four years ago crept over the lovely features of little Daisy Waller, eight, victim of the rare malady, scleroderma, slowly but surely turning her to stone, today is gone. The lethargy has lifted—leaving no trace.

The child who once was doomed to death because the tissues of her body were petrifying, now is playing in her front yard on South Candler Road, apparently the picture of health. She said yesterday: "I feel good now, just as though I had never been sick. I can play baseball all day long if I want to and ride my bicycle and I can eat anything I want."

"My teacher sent me home," she had told her mother, who immediately put the child to bed. For weeks the malady progressed with alarming speed. She was gradually losing use of her limbs and a strange hardening process of the tissues became apparent to the touch. The muscles began to lose their resiliency.

After a number of consultations the child's condition was said to be hopeless. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Waller, and her six sisters and two brothers watched her condition with a feeling of despair.

Then the family lawyer recommended an Atlanta chiropractor with the hope that the child could be brought to recovery. Eight weeks after the beginning of the disease Daisy was X-rayed and treatment began. Following the adjustment made three days following the X-ray the child began to respond, and in three weeks a marked change was noted.

Her condition resulted from a misplacement of the Atlas vertebra, or the top vertebra, which caused a deposit of mineral salts in the body due to the fact that nature was unable to control the manufacture and elimination of the lime and phosphate salts, it was explained.

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When the Atlas vertebra was replaced correctly nature began its normal course of healing and the child who was to become a statue grew into a 12-year-old girl with roses in her cheeks.—*The Health Clarion*.

British and American Press

◆ Compared with the scanty, intermittent, and haphazard snippets which in the popular press of this country do service for American news (you will understand that this has no reference to the *Manchester Guardian*), the detailed, regular, and impartial reporting of the American foreign correspondent usually provokes the English visitor to surprised admiration. Furthermore, the proof of this may be found in the wide-spread awareness which the American public displays of the movement of events here and on the Continent. There is everywhere among intelligent Americans the greatest interest in and acquaintance with European affairs. That the conclusions the American draws from his observation of the European gangrene may differ from our own is not a sufficient reason for concluding them to be erroneous.—H. G. Nicholas (Englishman, but for two years resident in the United States), in a letter to the *Manchester Guardian*.

Colliers' New Plan

◆ The new plan of publication of *Colliers' Weekly* takes advantage of air-mail service to get out 21 foreign editions simultaneously with the American one. Page proofs are mailed from the central plant in Springfield, Ohio, to every important foreign capital. There the pages are photographed, transferred in negative to zinc plates so sensitized that only printed parts of the original will take ink on the reproduction, and put on offset presses. Newspapermen in each of these cities write the editorials for local readers. 150,000 foreign copies are printed in this manner.

The End of Scribner's

◆ *Scribner's Magazine* lasted 52 years, and passed out recently, after a brilliant businessman prophesied that he would raise the circulation to 350,000. First he fired all the old editors that knew anything about their work. He put on specialists that knew everything about everything, except running a magazine. Finally, after running out of cash and out of ideas, the whole enterprise went kerplunk.



The Catholic International

◆ The Vatican knows everything about the nations of the world and *they* know nothing about it: therein lies its power. A tide of varied documents flows into Rome every day from all points of the globe in which Catholics live. These are read carefully, then catalogued in the secret archives which form an incomparable documentary source, but which are closed to the laymen.

It was Gregory the Seventh who appointed the first ecclesiastical legates to sovereigns. The novelty was not to the taste of them all, and William the Conqueror is reported to have informed the pope: "I am a dutiful son of the Church, but if your legate sets foot in my Duchy of Normandy, I warn you that he will find himself strung up to the highest oak in my forests."

Thereupon the Papacy abandoned this system, entrusting its intelligence service to monks established in the country, hidden in monasteries, or to wandering friars, who traveled about all the time. Later, the Jesuits took charge of espionage. And eventually the 17th century saw brilliantly clever ambassadors appointed. They were usually laymen of parts who had been raised to the nobility for this very purpose. The last step was taken, though, when the Papacy created a corps of ecclesiastical diplomats who are educated in the Academy of Ecclesiastical Nobles. This system is in force today.

The majority of countries at the present time maintain relations with the Vatican. Examples of the rôles, diverging from limited positions to those of privilege, played by the Roman Catholic Church in many countries are to be found in United States, Belgium, Italy, Germany and the Far East.

In the United States the expansion of Romanism was hindered by the division of the Catholic faithful into German, Irish, French and Italian sections, and by the ferociously individualistic "American spirit" which was hostile to all foreign supervision. The Vatican really failed to understand the American mentality and made many mistakes. Neverthe-

less, sincere Americans seem to be unaware of the underground work carried on by the Vatican in the United States and regard tales of such as harmless, European figments. This indifference will some time prove their undoing.

As recently as 1936, the Vatican, in the person of Cardinal Pacelli, secretary of state, made a trip to prospect this most promising client: a rough estimate of the money available from American Catholics being six billion francs. He was feted by the president, met all the important clergy, bankers and business men. It was even said that Mussolini had advised the cardinal to do some tempting favors for Fascist financiers in the United States. While at the present time diplomatic relations between the U. S. and the Vatican do not exist, be sure they will come in time. . . .

In Germany at the time of the advent of Hitler, about one-third of the population were Catholic adherents. Since then, with the watertight treaty negotiated by Von Papen, a Jesuit agent, with the Vatican, a minor war has broken out between the Nazis and the Church: over the young people and their education. Catholic periodicals and organizations were suppressed, to which the Vatican replied but feebly, leaving its clergy and faithful in the lurch.

Similarly, the Jesuits got control in mutilated Austria after the war. Socialist Austria was abandoned by her war-time allies but was given a loan, the control of which was in the hands of Mgr. Seipel, former treasurer of the Company of Jesus [Society of Jesuits]. The sole program was to defeat socialism and prepare a diplomatic combination in favor of the return of the Hapsburgs, also agents of the Vatican. Dollfuss has been seen to wipe out the Austrian workers. (He was a pupil of the Jesuits.) Since then [written prior to March, 1938—Ed.], Schuschnigg is preparing the ground by organizing the Christian state on a corporative basis, a method planned by the Company of Jesus. He is suppressing universal suffrage, organizing legitimatist manifestations with the aid of the army, paramilitary formations and the clergy.

History and contemporary events have shown the Church's actions to be governed by circumstances. In the event of war, she will flatter the victor and sympathize with the vanquished. And if there are undeveloped countries (such as China, Japan and Asia generally) she is omnipresent, supporting the

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nationals or the foreign oppressors after an examination of their respective merits.

For instance, with the downfall of the Russian tsars, the Vatican was gleefully envisaging itself as assuming the mantle of the departed masters. So it showered the Soviet Republic with attentions. But the latter were suspicious. Catholic missionaries of charity were sent into Russia, but accomplished nothing. The present pope was actually nunzio at Warsaw, Poland, at the time of the Russian advance on that city; he represented the diplomatic corps and concluded an agreement with the Soviet authorities should the Poles be defeated. The opportunity, however, to carry out the scheme did not materialize.

While the Holy See is always observed to tie up with other confessions in time of war, revolution and internal distresses, Big Business is really the very marrow of Catholicism, and this is the case despite the disparity between this fact and the early teachings of the Church Fathers. . . . "All those who were possessed of lands or houses sold them, brought the prices thereof and placed them at the feet of the apostles; and they were distributed to each according to his need," says the Acts of the Apostles, 4:35, which Saint Ambrose in *De Officiis*: 1 seconds thus: "Nature has engendered common rights; it is their usurpation which makes for the law of privilege."

But in feudal times such subversive doctrines were stopped. Saint Augustine was the first to realize that the Christian doctrine would never be acceptable in its pure state to men of position, and began to speak of "Human right" and "Divine Right." Thus the Christian doctrine was modified to keep it from disappearing.

No one knows the actual riches of the

Church. In this respect the statement of Count Alexander Feftitich, who attempted to bring about agrarian reform in Hungary and tried to help the peasantry by breaking up church holdings in that country, is significant. He has stated that the Catholic Clergy of Hungary possessed 1,325,000 acres of church reserves and that "one-third of the national riches in

Spain is represented in property and goods possessed by Roman Catholic congregations. . . . The Chemins de Fer du Nord, the Transatlantic Company, the orange groves of Andalusia, the mines of the Basque province and the Riff, several factories in Barcelona, are under the control of religious powers. . . ." In addition, in many countries Catholic organizations have grouped numbers of peasants into buying and selling co-operatives, aided by auxiliary banks which are naturally controlled by the big Catholic banks.

After the advent of Fascism, the Banco di Roma, the bank of the Catholic nobility, of the Vatican and religious orders, almost went bankrupt. An appeal was made and Mussolini softened to the tune of 700,000,000 lira, which saved the bank. The Lateran Treaty was in process of preparation.

The failure of economic sanctions during the Abyssinian war and the favorable attitude of the Vatican is easily explained. When the sanctionist countries suppressed the transfer of funds and "Peter's Pence" which were represented in foreign and Italian banks, money could not reach Rome. So the "frozen assets" of the Vatican were transferred ingeniously to the credit of the Italian state which thus effected purchases abroad, while the Italian treasury credited the Vatican with an equivalent sum in lira at Rome.

In the matter of social welfare, the Church took a stand only after a century of hesita-



No, no, Eugene; that's not the kind of fan-dance America loves

tion, when the class struggle was making the outlook dangerous to the bourgeois order. Actually it has always been the custom of the church to intervene only in time to steal to the side of the victor. She never compromises herself: Therefore, in issuing the *Quadragesimo Anno* Encyclical on social conditions, the Vatican simply slipped its calling card under the door of the oppressed but abstained from giving them the means to free themselves.

Despite one of the tenets of the church, "All men are brothers," diplomatic history of the Vatican shows that the Holy See has unceasingly fomented wars or taken part in them as a sovereign power. But these acts had, of course, to be justified in the eyes of "Christendom". Thus, in a pastoral letter from Cardinal Goma, primate of Spain, as recently as February 10, 1937, the Church explains: "Every creature has the right to wage war against another when the latter is warring against God. War is the daughter of the abuse man has made of liberty: she is the daughter of sin. We must accept if God test a nation in war as a punishment for its prevarications and as a stimulant in case of decadence of the moral order. . . ."

This is very suggestive in view of the fact that the attitude of the Vatican has been violently criticized during the war in all countries and especially by the Entente nations.

In the first place, when war broke out, the world waited in vain for a protest from the Vatican concerning the invasion of Belgium (a staunch Catholic country).

The pope . . . was caught between two fires: his diplomatic corps were pro-German and at the same time he needed to defend his political interests and see to the expansion of the Church. Only the victory of the Central Powers would favor his plans.

So the most impartial of the prelates could do no more than weigh the respective chances of both sides to see which would win out. The balance not having been weighed in favor of the Allies till August, 1918, it was then understood why the Vatican had waited throughout the war before taking a clear stand. But it was too late to save face and pretend to a role of arbitration . . . the Allies had saved themselves. As a result the Holy See was put out of the peace negotiations, the League of Nations, and excluded from all diplomatic activity, which injured it throughout the world. It was a humiliating defeat.—By Raymond

A. Dior. Condensed from *Crapouillot*, Paris, by *Magazine Digest*, Pickering, Ont.

Division of School Money in Ottawa

♦ Ottawa has a 50 percent Roman Catholic population, and 56 percent of the school enrollment is in the Separate Schools. (P.S. 10,861, S.S. 11,459)

In 1935 the Public Schools received in Government grants \$8,264.55, and the Roman Catholic schools \$17,341.29, or more than twice as much.

In 1936 the Public Schools received \$8,611.20 and the Roman Catholic schools \$18,530.55.

The above figures are from the Government Public Accounts.

This year (1938) the Government announced a new schedule of grants, and a press report from Ottawa estimates that the Public Schools in that city will receive an additional \$2,500, and the Roman Catholic schools an additional \$19,250; which means that with 56 percent of the school enrollment, the Roman Catholic Separate Schools in Ottawa will receive \$37,780 as against \$11,111 for the Public Schools.—*Protestant Action*, Toronto.

Fighting for the Pope

♦ Italy's only excuse for being in the war in Spain is that she was fighting for the Hierarchy's "right" to get back on the necks of the Spanish people, but in that conflict the Italian government (which never declared war on the Spanish Republic) now boasts that it shot down 943 planes of this nation with which it was theoretically at peace, and sank 162 merchantmen and 5 war vessels. This morning's paper says Mussolini is near death. He could not do a better thing for his suffering fellow men than to go ahead and croak. And can you name a reason why the Creator or others would ever wish to see him again?

"Despite Vatican Denials"



The United Press says that "despite Vatican denials" that the pope had called or thought of calling a five-power conference to try to establish European peace, yet "the idea of such a conference was originally advanced", which is a nice way of saying that the pope lied. The same story suggests that the pope made a big mistake in not inviting Russia to the conference. This might be true, for both England and France feel the need of Russian support.

How They Can Lie!



Anybody who has \$5 to spare can purchase a copy of the *Official Catholic Directory* showing the full names and addresses of the 30,000 Catholic priests in the United States. That is all there are, and they never all leave town at once. Somebody has to stay behind to rake in the shekels. In face of these facts, just what would you think of the value of the Associated Press dispatch from Quebec that, on June 26, "one hundred thousand priests participated in the final procession," etc. Probably there were more than one thousand priests, but the Catholic reporter on the job thought he would make it look as big as possible. And he did, and jackassed his job. The *Toronto Star* reported 4,000 clergymen in the procession. The story in the *Star* said that "newspapermen knelt and prayed with the crowd".

Always Eager to Lie

◆ Always eager to lie, even when it would be better every way to tell the truth, the *Osservatore Romano*, official organ of the pope, published on April 8 the statement, "It is not the intention of the Italian government to make an attack on the independence and integrity of Albania"; but Mussolini had seized the country, and its king was in flight before the *Osservatore Romano* could get its papers off the press.

Jesuit Oratory

◆ At the Spanish Casino, Mexico City, "Reverend Father" Julio Vertiz, noted Jesuit orator, made the open attack on democracy which is at the heart of every Jesuit. He stated to his Spanish audience that Uncle Sam would boil when he found all the Latin-American countries uniting in support of Franco. News of the address leaked out and a crowd in the streets broke the windows of the Casino as high as the third story. Mexicans had plenty of Fascism in the past, and are sick of it.

How They Love It!

◆ The *Catholic Times* contains a picture of Monsignor Orsenigo, Papal nuncio, leaving the chancellery, after conveying his greetings to der Führer on the latter's birthday. It gave another chance for more publicity; and how they love it!

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"With the Greatest Respect"

◆ When a couple of cronies have robbed a henroost together, and divided the spoils fairly, it is but natural that when they have another similar job in view they should approach one another with feelings of mutual regard. The pope invited the prime ministers and foreign ministers of Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Poland to meet together at the Vatican to discuss the carving up of Poland, the understanding being that at the last minute he would come into the picture as the great and wise statesman of the latest Munich fiasco. This would not be so hard, because Poland is already completely under his thumb, and it would be a very easy matter for him to make a deal on the side with der Führer and give him what he wants. In view of this setup, is it any wonder that the dispatches telling about this offer set forth the interesting observation that—

Chancellor Adolf Hitler received the Papal nuncio, who brought him this proposal, with the greatest respect.

Roman Catholic Sympathy with Hitler

◆ Roman Catholic sympathy with Hitler is seen in the dispatches from Dublin that not only would De Valera and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy not do anything to prevent Hitler from overrunning the British Isles, but they would and did use all their influence to prevent conscription even in Protestant Ulster. In another World War the Roman Catholic Hierarchy would stand just where it stood before, that is, against the democracies and for their opposites, the autarchies.

Pickings for Mussolini

◆ The war business is a lot better than blacksmithing. Mussolini has a large interest in the Montecatini Chemical Trust, which supplied most of the explosives for the war in Spain. In four years the concern made a profit of \$380,000,000, and Mussolini is now a millionaire, like his friend and enemy Hitler.

Franco Not Now So Busy

◆ Franco the Butcher, not being as busy now in decapitating and poisoning women and babies as he was a few months back, could and did take time off to cable the pope his "immense gratitude" for the pope's "apostolic blessing, which has been received with religious fervor". No doubt. No doubt.

Bar Association for Free Speech



The American Bar Association came out in defense of the right of free speech. It is time it did. The Association said:

No truth has been more strongly enforced by the history of recent years than that the suppression of discussion leads directly to tyranny and the loss of all other civil rights.

The fixed policy of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is that it can and should break up any meeting of which it disapproves by threats of starting a riot. This has been done time and again by the Hierarchy as respects Jehovah's witnesses. The Bar Association does not mention the Hierarchy, but does say:

A small number of lawless men by passing the word around that they intend to start a riot could prevent any kind of meeting.

On any such theory, a gathering which expressed the sentiment of law-abiding citizens would be forbidden merely because a small gang of hoodlums threatened to break up the meeting.

The only proper remedy for such situations, small or serious, is the police protection to which citizens are entitled in public places, whether they are there singly or in groups. It is the duty of the officials to prevent or suppress the threatened disorder with a firm hand instead of timidly yielding to threats.

The outdoor meeting is especially well adapted to the promotion of unpopular causes, since such causes are likely to command little financial support and therefore must often be promoted by persons who do not have the financial means to "hire a hall" or purchase time on the radio.—*The American Guardian*, December 30, 1938.

Nice Time in China

◆ The Long Beach (California) *Press-Telegram* carried a picture of "Right Reverend" James E. Walsh, and under it a nice long story entitled "China War Bombing Tales Flayed; Missionary Declares Stories About Orient Conflict Exaggerated". Explaining the benefits accruing from the spread of the totalitarian scheme over Asia, Walsh reportedly said:

The greatest benefits of the war are apparent in the unification of China and the resulting speeding up of a modernization and development program which otherwise might have taken many years.

Gannon the Foolish

◆ Gannon the Foolish is reported to have stood up before the California State Assembly and to have earned his title by the following:

In these days of dictators we should use the iron fist to teach patriotism. Children should be taught to respect the flag, with whippings if necessary.

How to Shear the Sheep

◆ Start a paper like *Our Sunday Visitor*. Get up a Contest of 50 questions, two in each issue of your paper. Get your subscribers to answer these questions, issue by issue as they appear. Make them send you a dime each time. By that means you can get \$2.50 apiece from the poor, deluded, blinded sheep, and at the same time steep them a little more fully in the absolute foolishness styled "Catholic Truth". The contestants stand a chance for an automobile or cash awards of varying amounts, for which, as is readily apparent, they put up all the cash. In other words, it is simply another way of running a lottery, of which the methods now are legion.

Slick Work in Promoting Ignorance

◆ The London *Catholic Herald* contains a reproduction of a slick piece of work for keeping the Eskimos in ignorance. It is an altar-piece for use in a church at Aklavik, on the Arctic ocean, and the scenes are supposed to be those at the birth of the Savior. Mary is dressed in furs, and so is Jesus. The Magi come with reindeers and Arctic dogs, and their gifts are of walrus tusks, etc. Everything possible is done to keep the poor natives in ignorance, so that they will pay well to keep the racket in operation.

Too Humane for the Racket

◆ The Roman Catholic racket is after the hard cash, first, last and all the time; and therefore the parish priest of Fontenelle, Gaspé province, Quebec, was fired because he refused to collect a 10-cent tax levied on the congregation when 75 percent of them were out of work. In this instance the congregation went out with the priest and they all flocked into the Presbyterian church of Canada.

Praising the Baby-Killer

◆ Praising the baby-killer, Pope Pius XII designated Franco the Butcher the "illustrious chief" of Spain, stated that he had given "unequivocal proofs" of his "supreme religious" interest and extended his "paternal congratulations" to those who by their hypocrisy and treachery overthrew the Spanish Republic. Franco is greatly admired by Coughlin the chameleon, who, spilling the Hierarchy beans as usual, says he would like to do or have done in America what Franco did in Spain.

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The War Industry

"Reverend" Scholl's Benediction

◆ They had just completed a new armory in Seattle. General O'Ryan had spoken, and the 3,000 present were all looking forward to a hypocritical benediction when "Reverend" Louis E. Scholl, Congregational, jumped to the microphone and surprised everybody by saying:

We thank Thee for the wisdom of the speaker (General O'Ryan) who said war is the most relentless and insidious enemy of mankind. Therefore we thank Thee that Christian ministers and workers of this city have invited the people to come from their worship to give their blessings to the doctrine of war and violence as represented by this armory. Lord, we thank Thee for the battleships and bombs, the airplanes and the poison gas. We thank Thee that Thou didst say: 'Suffer little children to come unto me that I might drop bombs upon them and blow them into kingdom come.' We thank Thee that Thou didst die upon the cross, not with a crown of thorns on Thy head; but with a gas mask on Thy face and a soldier's boots on Thy feet!

Mr. Scholl was not on the program, but was the biggest hit of the occasion.

Relative Strength of Seven Dangers

◆ In the following table each "n" represents 1,000 airplanes, each "v" represents a quarter of a million tons of naval strength, and each "o" represents a half million trained soldiers:

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Germany	nnnnnnnn	vv	oooooooo
Britain	nnnnnn	vvvvvvvv	oo
Italy	nnnnnn	vvv	oooooooooooooooooooo
U. S.	nnnn	vvvvv	o
France	nnn	vvv	oooooooooooooooooooo
Japan	nnn	vvv	

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War Supplies to Far East

◆ United States' manufacturers of airplanes and other war munitions last year shipped \$12,559,741 of war supplies to China and \$7,664,413 to Japan. Most of the goods for China went in through the British port of Hong Kong.

When Mobilization Day Comes



Doesn't make sense, somehow

◆ Every person from the age of sixteen upward will be at the command of the government; the price of every article and commodity will be fixed by the government; factories will produce only what the government orders; labor will be deprived of the right to strike; food, and all other necessities of life, will be rationed; incomes may be taxed up to 93 percent, and profits, up to 100 percent; all wages will be fixed by presidential proclamation; all business will be licensed; orthodox laws of economics will be outlawed, civic rights violated, the press, radio and movies cen-

sored, and personal liberty destroyed.—*American Mercury*.

[Americans may see from this by how small a thread their liberties remain suspended—*Ed.*]

Retrogression of a Quarter Century

◆ The world has spent £2,400,000,000 on armaments this year (1937), and has trebled the expenditure of the pre-war period. The increase over last year does not include money spent on works of a semi-military character. Europe's share of the money is 63.4 percent, or £1,520,000,000. The permanent armed forces of the world are now 8,500,000, compared with 6,000,000 in 1913, the year before the Great War began.—*Melbourne Argus*.

Protestantism

Arrived at Destination All O.K.

◆ "Reverend" Dr. Robert W. Searle, executive secretary of the Greater New York Federation of Churches, indicates that his early education in churchianity was not altogether wasted, when he said, recently:



The Christian message is the only way of escape, not from the hell-fires of another world, but from the bestial hell that is this world. For 2,000 years we have had Christianity. [That is what he thinks.] We have planted churches among all people, given the message of the gospel [?] to countless millions, yet we have gone around the corner, not to the promised land, but to hell. It is difficult to imagine a more appalling world than we have today. Each day brings us news of new forms of horror. Men whose souls are possessed of the demons of hate rule millions and poison the minds of the young. We are amazed that each day brings forth more terrible horrors than the day before. All human idols are down.

Don't be too hasty, "Reverend." You "ain't seen nothin' yet". What you mistake for hell is only the lobby where you take off your wraps. The real show is yet to come.

Honest Students in Georgia

◆ The manufacture of hypocrites occasionally runs into a snag, because the young are not naturally dishonest. They have to learn it from the previous generation. At Mercer University, a Baptist college in Macon, Georgia, thirteen students of theology sent out letters to 1,000 Baptist ministers charging that their professors, five of them, teach that the Bible is not inspired, that Adam and Eve were myths, that the Bible is contradictory, "that it was not necessary for Christ to die," and that "it is unnecessary to believe in Jesus Christ to be saved". Without a doubt these courageous young men have told the truth. The only thing for them to do is to quit the religious business altogether. They cannot bring soundness to something that is rotten to the core. Let them turn to Jehovah and His Word, serve God and Christ, and let the theological professors go where they will go anyway, and where they already are, into the hands of the Devil, whom they serve.

The Religious Racket

◆ Christ didn't need dim lights and hoecuspocus conditions in order to do his preaching.

He taught on the sunny hillsides of Galilee. His contributions went for the relief of suffering and hunger.

He didn't urge the building of bigger tabernacles with more costly adornments. He urged repentance and changed lives as well as changed living conditions.

The church is not supposed to be a fancy club or art institute, nor a dimly lit chamber of fear and goose pimples. Clergymen who must rely on such artificial devices to influence an audience are simply poor public speakers.

Christ could preach effectively in the sunlight and win converts when Christianity meant death by martyrdom. Modern preachers should guard against leaning on the crutches of dim lights and religious bric-a-brac.—Dr. George W. Crane, of Northwestern University.

Waiting for Armageddon

◆ Waiting for Armageddon, and not realizing that it will treat him worse than he treated Judge Rutherford's books, the "Reverend" R. R. Ohaver, pastor of the Hillside Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, wrote to one of Jehovah's people who had withdrawn from his cage:

I must state here that I am perfectly aware of your position and I fully appreciate your attitude toward "the denominations". I have made a study of your movement from its very beginning; I have followed it through the various guises; and noted with intense interest the various names which it has borne. Indeed, I have read many of your books, and have literally burned libraries of your volumes.

Not that it will be of the least interest or profit for this gent, but for the sake of others, the information is conveyed that the heavenly Father, Jehovah God, the great Creator, saw fit in His Word to designate Christ Jesus by over one hundred various titles or other means of identification.

Talk About Hard Luck

◆ Talk about hard luck! In 1925 the Christian church at Griffin, Iowa, was destroyed by a tornado. At a cost of \$4,000 the congregation built another and planned a celebration in February, 1939, to mark the burning of the last note. Just as the note was about to be burned the building took fire from an overheated flue and burned to the ground. Maybe somebody in the community will get the truth, now that the religious business is so poor.

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South America

Happy Indians near George VI Falls



In an exploration trip in British Guiana Dr. Paul A. Zahl and party discovered a fall some 1,500 feet high in the Uitshi river. This they named the George VI falls. But they discovered something else of interest. About three miles away they came on an Indian village that had never before been visited by white men. The human relations of these happy Indians were described as practically perfect. There was not a sign of anger, only laughter and general happiness, a condition as different from that of Indians who have been brought into contact with so-called "missions" as it is possible to imagine.

Private Prisons in South America

◆ The London *News Chronicle* claims that some South American farmers (country not stated) have as many as a thousand peons on their vast estates. These peons are virtual slaves of the landowner or moneylender, they have no recourse to the authorities, and if they try to escape they are usually arrested and sent back by the police to be locked up in private prisons on the farms. It would be interesting to know what happens in those private prisons. Anybody who looks eagerly forward to a "hell" for some of his fellow men deserves at least a few days as a guest in one of these institutions.

Nazi Penetration

◆ The Nazis have made far greater inroads in South America than anyone up here suspects. Italian army officers have organized the police in Bolivia and Peru. The Brazilian army chief was invited to command the entire Nazi army maneuvers in Germany. Italian munitions have been practically given to Ecuador, Nicaragua and Paraguay. Students from every country get free tuition in Germany.—Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen, in *Philadelphia Record*.

Free Land in Bolivia

◆ The offer of free land in Bolivia attracted many Americans, but some can still remember the rush of Americans to the same land in 1920 and that most of those who went were glad to come back. The lands offered are remote from the frontiers.

Bolivia Tied Up to Germany

◆ The Fascist state of Bolivia is now well tied up to Germany; its Congress was dissolved, its constitution was suspended, and the former leaders of the Opposition were confined in a concentration camp on an island in Lake Titicaca. Four million marks' worth of minerals, hides and petroleum were bartered for German manufactured goods, and Germany will figure on building pipe lines to bring Bolivian oil to the seacoast. Germany needs the oil for the planes. The American Department of State always seems well pleased when another state goes Fascist.

Totalitarian Rule in Bolivia

◆ All totalitarians, Fascists, Nazis and ecclesiastics will be glad to know that Bolivia has gone totalitarian, with the resultant concomitants of abolition of courts and existing legal codes. This destruction of democracy in Bolivia follows the usual pattern, showing that the conspiracy is world-wide.

Depths of Devilish Meanness

◆ To entrap little girls deprived of their parents into lives as white slaves, cases arose in the earthquake disaster in Chile where agents of white slave rings actually posed as married couples desiring to adopt children, so that they could gain possession of the bodies of these poor little things just orphaned. Does anybody believe that such persons, when they die, are worthy of any favors at the hands of the Creator?

Chile's Great Task

◆ Chile's great task of building barracks for the 700,000 persons made homeless by the earthquake in January, 1939, was far progressed three months later. It was not believed that permanent structures to replace those ruined could be completed in less than ten years. But the people must live in the meantime, and winter begins about the middle of June; so barracks seemed the only way out.

Two Earthquakes a Day

◆ Chile, stretching for more than 4,000 miles along the western slope of the Andes mountains, is subject to about two earthquakes per day. One of the recent ones stretched for a distance of sixteen hundred miles, injuring and destroying many important centers.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Big Business

● Recently the Government of Britain, through its appointed minister, advised the people to get a moderate store of such foods as can safely be kept for a few weeks, in readiness for the emergency of an outbreak of war. Of course, when war comes, as is generally believed it will come, it will be suddenly, and every service in the country will be dislocated for a time. Then the Government would put all food supplies under control and food-hoarding would be made an offense, as in the Great War. Some provision for food in war-time has been made by the authorities: it is said that large supplies of cereals have been acquired, particularly wheat; but purchased in such a way as not to disturb the usual channels of trade. But the chance of making money is not being missed by Big Business. A Labor representative raised a case in Parliament, calling attention to the action of a combination of London firms. Backed by their money resources these men entered into an agreement with merchants in Japan for the purchase of huge surplus supplies of tinned salmon, the price involving millions of pounds sterling. Perhaps the salmon taken from the waters of Japan are as wholesome and worth as much as food as Canadian salmon, which so largely add to the food of Britain. And it may be that Canada is unable to supply the amount which these merchants were contracting for. The point of the Labor member's question is the readiness of these men to trade with a nation which in its political actions is acting as an enemy of the country, and that the food of British people should be stored from enemy sources. Also, it was pointed out that the Government does little or nothing to put the fishing industry of Britain into such order and on such a basis as would prevent the great waste of the herring season. Millions of herrings are thrown back into the sea because there is no profitable market, and the once lively fishing industry, which provided the country for both trade and in war with a hardy race of men for its navy, and gave employment to a very considerable number of men and women, is

fast becoming one of the failing industries. It does seem that those who complain of the Government's failure to make a real endeavor to adjust the situation and restore the industry have good cause for what they say. The war and the political game since 1918 have destroyed Britain's foreign market for herring. Before the war came in 1914, millions of barrels of the herring were shipped, uncured, to Germany and to Russia; now neither of those countries is purchasing from Britain.

The newspapers tell of sales of ore to Germany by France: ore that goes immediately to the production of war armaments; and of heavy shipments of wheat to Germany by Canada, stores for Germany in time of the war they say they know must come, 'because their enemies are bent upon attacking them.' Big Business is very patriotic when talking patriotism pays, but "Business first" is its motto.

Isolation

● The apostle Paul said: "God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth; and hath determined . . . the bounds of their habitation." (Acts 17: 24-26) It is common knowledge that men give little heed to the Creator and to His goodness, also stated by Paul: "Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." (Acts 14: 17) The great among men give no heed, and therefore no thanks, to the Giver of all good; and the learned according to the wisdom of this world (which includes the college-trained clergy class) deny in words or effect these words of Paul and which are, of course, taken from God's own statement of His work. (See Genesis chapters 1-3.) Politicians in the nations want isolation. Some politicians or would-be politicians in Britain want to have the varied nations inside the "British Empire" welded into an isolation group. Hitler has gone one better; he is determined to isolate his German subjects into a nation of one blood, and set them on the pinnacle of the nations. Even if a disruptive war should not break out, the idea could not succeed, since God did not will it from the first. The nations are finding out by sheer necessity that they cannot be isolationists: nations nor men can live apart. The great idea of each nation's being self-sustain-

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ing and independent of other nations has brought about the barriers of trade protection and the curse of passports, to the hurt of each of them. One newspaper proprietor with a big chance of thrusting his isolationist views on millions of readers and who made himself a crusader for the cause has had to admit France into his limited British Empire scheme; for in the face of European dangers Britain cannot continue without association with France, as France cannot apart from Britain. Also facts show that the nations which agree with Britain in calling the king of England their king love themselves better than they love the "mother" country. They are as children grown up each with his family responsibility and only a family relationship to the parent. It is not love, but money, and also fear, that binds the "empire" into unity.

Incidentally a letter in the press from the president of the Bureau of Imports, Auckland, N.Z., points out that the Labor government of New Zealand is damaging importers' interests by prohibiting bringing into New Zealand "a host of goods" from Britain. It is the settled policy of the Labor government of New Zealand to limit the amount of British imports, which seems a rather one-sided matter when it is on record that Britain purchases 85 percent of the product of New Zealand, buying annually to almost £50,000,000, and being able to export only a little more than half that value of goods.

Both of the two warlike dictators Hitler and Mussolini are aggressive isolationists, even though at present neither can do without the other. Germany cries out to the world that its people need living room, but it imports scores of thousands of Italians to enable it to carry on with its needs. These two men are both obsessed with a revival of the old Roman empire, each for himself. Hitler has got some of its relics from Austria, and Mussolini is on the spot in Rome with a grip on Mediterranean lands. It is the idea of power and authority and military strength that possesses them. But there is a great difference between the liberty of Rome in its days of world dominion and that which these graspers for power give to their subjects. The bounds of the Roman empire stretched from these western islands of Britain to Babylonia in the far east, and no passport was needed inside that wide stretch of lands. Rome's rule was military, but was benevolent towards the various peoples in its empire. It is true that

the emperor Hadrian built a wall across the north of England to keep the Scots out, but, though it still exists, it has never been much of a barrier: the Scots still come south and are ever welcome; nor did it keep Edward the Second from raiding Scotland, and ultimately getting a severe thrashing at Bannockburn. Nothing but the absolute breaking down of the nations and the destruction of all their policies, imperial or isolationist, will free those who are ready to give God the honor due to His name, and this He purposes to bring about in the destruction of Armageddon, when every evil thing will be destroyed, and those who seek Him will serve Him as He first purposed.

One of the domestic problems of England arises from the fact that there is a very considerable movement of industrial activity from the north of England to the London area. It is said that while employment in the north has increased of late by only 4 percent, in the London area it has increased by 40 percent. The heavy industries connected with cotton and wool cannot be transferred, of course, and the coal and iron are located in the north and the midlands and their connected industries must locate where they are. Lancashire has suffered greatly through the loss of its overseas trade: the foreign cotton markets are practically closed to its products. Changed conditions obtain. Japan is a strenuous competitor, and owing to the very low wages paid to the workers it can and does place its goods in the Far East at prices which are impossible to Lancashire. India also is producing for itself. Lancashire employs at present 500,000 fewer persons in the cotton industry than before the war. The present war preparation is giving some stimulus to the iron and connected works, but comparatively little, as the above-mentioned percentage shows. Lancashire once assumed that the demand for its goods would always expand, and its money men were as free to make machinery for the spinning and weaving of cotton and sell to India and Japan as others were to sell their manufactures. Now Lancashire is isolated. The past generation lived for their day, and the present suffers accordingly.

Hesitating Parsons

● The Church of England is not a close corporation like that of the Roman Catholic church as seen in its hierarchy, and there is a liberty of speech which Rome would never allow to anyone who has taken its orders.

Ohio and Kentucky

Opulent Martin's Ferry

◆ Most Ohio towns are hard up; but not Martin's Ferry. That burg of 15,000 people has enough money in the treasury to make a gift of \$33.60 to every citizen in town. The city has operated its own municipal light plant for 43 years and has accumulated a nice cash balance of \$500,978 in its treasury. Once a year it gives a month's power free to its customers. Rates are low, ranging from 4 cents for the first 40 kilowatt-hours down to 2½ cents for all over 100 kilowatt-hours. Moreover, there is a 10-percent cash discount for the prompt payment of bills.

Multiple Myeloma

◆ A man in Akron, Ohio, is dying from multiple myeloma, a disease in which the bones decay and disappear. His physicians state that he has but three years to live. Medical history records but 483 cases of the malady.

100,000 Miles of Caverns in Kentucky

◆ Though Mammoth Cave of Kentucky is the largest of the lot, there are over 100,000

miles of caverns beneath the carboniferous limestone of Kentucky, so the Department of the Interior reports.

Cheerful News from Harlan County

◆ There is cheerful news from Harlan county, Kentucky. The ex-deputy sheriffs have greatly improved the moral tone of the community by shooting each other. To save his hide one of the gunmen would squeal to the Department of Justice prosecutors. Then two would get together and shoot a third one to keep him from squealing. Then one survivor would shoot the other survivor to keep him from telling. And so the good work goes on, to the general benefit of all decent men.

Raw Deal for Negroes

◆ In Cincinnati the suicide rate of Negroes is three times that of whites, and more than twice as many go insane as among an equal number of whites. Negroes receive the poorest pay of any class; they are the first to be laid off and the last to receive financial aid from the politicians.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK GARDEN ASSEMBLY THE FACTS

That is the heading that appears on the first page of *Kingdom News*. More than 1,000,000 copies of this four-page paper were distributed in New York City and vicinity within five days. Much interest has been aroused because of the forceful message contained, and, above everything, the people do appreciate the true story regarding the Madison Square Garden disturbance. A small advertisement in *Kingdom News* states that you can have a copy for one cent or you can have one thousand

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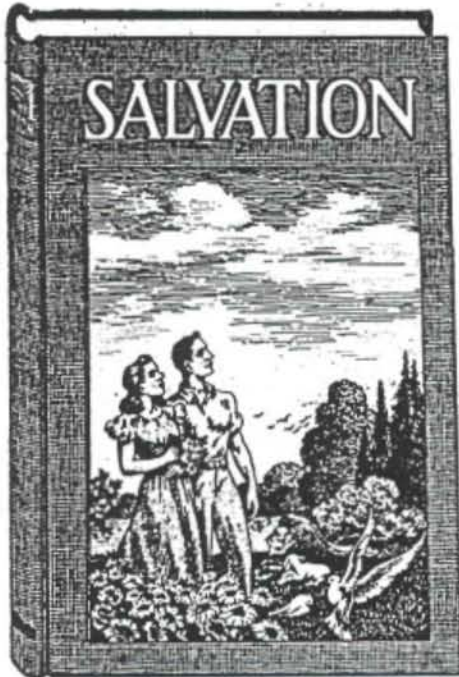
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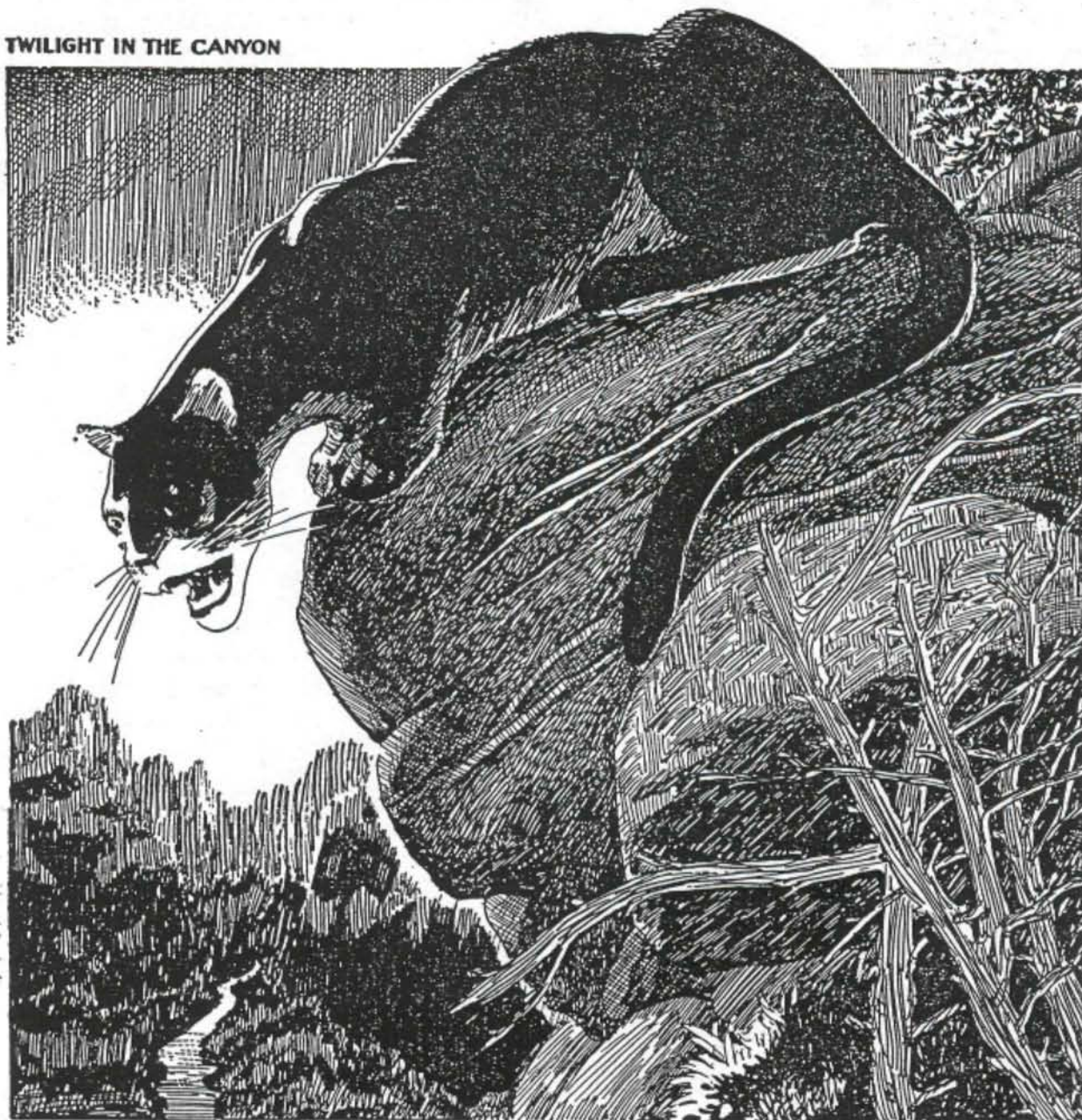
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Appetizers

Then the Fight Began

When the boys of the 90th Division were in France, some were in a French barbershop teaching the barber to greet his American customers politely in their own language.

After drilling him over several times, they assured him that he was perfect in his lesson. The boys then stepped outside to hear their student recite his lesson.

About thirty minutes later the captain of the company came in and hung up his cap. The barber, standing by the chair with his towel in one hand, bowed politely and said to the captain:

"All right, you bone-headed cootie chaser, you are next."—*Labor*.

A Business Day

(As outlined by secretary over telephone)

A.M. "He hasn't come in yet."

"I expect him in any minute."

"He just sent word in he'd be a little late."

"He's been in; but he went out again."

"He's gone to lunch."

P.M. "I expect him in any minute."

"He hasn't come back yet. Can I take a message?"

"He's somewhere in the building. His hat is here."

"Yes, he was in, but he went out again."

"I don't know whether he'll be back or not."

"No, he's gone for the day."—*Punch Bowl*.

Not Much Difference

Stranger: "Boy, your corn looks yellow."

"Yes, that's the kind we planted."

"Don't look as if you'd get more'n half a crop."

"Don't expect to. The landlord gets the other half."

"Boy," said the stranger, after a pause, "there isn't much difference between you and a fool."

"No," replied the boy, "only the fence."—*Labor*.

Damp Dry

Patient Parent—What on earth is the matter now?

Young Hopeful (who has been bathing with his bigger brother)—Willie dropped the towel in the water and he's dried me wetter than I was before.—*Labor Herald*.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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A Mighty Catholic in the "Pit" (In Three Parts—Part 3)

IN THE two preceding issues of *Consolation* the infamy of Martin T. Manton which resulted in his conviction and sentence to prison June 1939 for "selling justice", and his earlier conspiracy to keep eight innocent men in prison during the stormy years of 1918-19, was reviewed. Those who know Manton's career as revealed in his trial and conviction for accepting \$186,000 in bribes for six decisions were not surprised to learn how he conspired with other high Catholics to keep Judge Rutherford and seven other Christians in the Atlanta penitentiary for nine months by refusing them bail.

Manton gave no reason for refusing them bail. When the case finally came before himself, Ward and Rogers, justices of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and the judgment was reversed by the prevailing opinion of Ward and Rogers, Manton *dissented*. Although not required to do so, he also submitted an opinion. The readers will be interested in this opinion, which is reproduced in detail in this issue, showing how more than twenty years ago the "commercial judge" was determined to do the will of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

Nor is this merely one past chapter in the misdeeds of a criminal. In passing it might be noted, and this without criticism of the officiating judge, that while Manton is now by continuance of his bail permitted to enjoy his Long Island home of luxurious comfort and spend the thousands he extorted from other Americans whom he blackmailed, when Manton himself was confronted by innocent Christians seeking bail he consigned them to the rigors of prison. But even this inequality of justice is not the important thing.

Manton a Mere Stooge

The significant fact for Americans, both Protestant and Catholic, to note is this: The

Hierarchy used Manton to keep these men **WRONGFULLY** in prison for nine months, and to this day they denounce Judge Rutherford as an "ex-convict", which he was NOT; yet their presses are now silent at the conviction of Manton, "**KNIGHT OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**," who reduced the appellate bench to a court of blackmail. With this amazing opportunity before them the Roman Catholic press might come forward with an editorial decrying the abuses of this honored member of the church, but they do not. The American people are thus left to the assumption that the Romanists do not approve the punishment of a Catholic, be he blackmailer, briber or thief. What say you, Hierarchy of Rome?

The Hierarchy claim infallibility in matters of jurisdiction, and, no doubt, had Manton been tried in their courts he would have been acquitted and made a **KNIGHT** of some other **THE-GREAT**. However, *Consolation* submits the only infallible rule of injunctions to judges, that found in God's Word of truth, the Bible, as evidence that the American Constitution, and not church authority, approximates the Lord's commands as touching judiciary conduct. Some of those who figured prominently in Manton's conviction, Attorney General Murphy, U. S. Prosecutor John T. Cahill, Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey, and Chief of "G-Men", Edgar Hoover, even though they are not commended by the Catholic church, their course of action is approved by the **GREAT KING OF JUSTICE**; and this is shown by the scriptures which follow.

"Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause. Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked. And thou shalt take no gift; for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous."—Exodus 23: 6-8.

"Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which [Jehovah] thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the

people with just judgment. Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous. That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live."—Deuteronomy 16: 18-20.

"Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men; in whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes."—Psalm 26: 9, 10.

"He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; he shall dwell on high."—Isaiah 33: 15, 16.

"For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right."—Amos 5: 12.

The Canon Law of the Catholic Church assumes an authority much higher than the mere Word of God just quoted. The tradition of men, and not the Bible, is their authority for Canon 2341, which provides that anyone who sues a bishop or cardinal is automatically excommunicated. Canon 120 provides that the clergy may be tried only in ecclesiastical courts; no judgment can be rendered against the Canon Law (paragraph 461); jurors are bound to absolve the defendants in such cases, and are to affirm that the crime of the cleric is not proved. Penalties to the clergy must be benignant. (Canon 2219) The judge cannot increase the prescribed penalty. (Canon 2223) Suspended sentences are prescribed, even where penalties are designated. (Canon 2233) Jesus condemns the traditions of men contrary to the law of God; according to Matthew 15: 3; nor is it possible to find a more glaring example of following the tradition of men than by rendering partial judgments in favor of the persons of clerics or other men.

Even as the "Church" profited in Manton's ill-gotten wealth, so it must share in the ignominy of his disgrace. For an organization that approves a system of obtaining money under FALSE PRETENSES, such as that involved in "purgatory prayers", must of necessity share the condemnation of a son who models his court practices on the teachings of the Catholic Church of Rome.

Judge Manton's Religion

The high honors bestowed upon Manton by the Roman Catholic Church were never modified by a word of censure upon his villainous conduct. Nor is it to be expected of the church

which has spawned Catherine de Medici, "Bloody" Mary, Al Caponi, Franco "The Butcher", Hitler and Mussolini, to mention only a few of the most "illustrious". Far from condemning his conduct, one of the agents of the Hierarchy, a priest, was the first person to call on the "commercial judge" after he had been arrested. And one of Manton's last acts in office was to receive in his chambers "Reverend Father" William E. Cashin, of the nearby St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church, where Red Mass for the Judiciary is held annually. Is not the "Church" which thus approves him, as well as Manton himself, weighed in the balance and found wanting? When an INNOCENT man who had criticized the "Church" was WRONGFULLY condemned, O Hierarchy, your merciless and fiendish laughs were heard from pole to pole. Now, when the product of your teachings, the ideal of Papal training, has been sentenced as a FELON, what say YOU, Hierarchy of Rome?

Manton Makes a Pile

In his position as the tenth ranking judge of the United States (next to the nine on the Supreme Court) Manton made at one time over a million dollars. He should have been content with his salary of \$12,500 a year, as set out in the code of ethics of the American Bar Association, Canons 4, 24, 26 and 32. On this point President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said:

It is repugnant to our sense of the proper administration of justice that judges should be permitted to engage in business during their terms of office. This principle admits of no doubt and should be applied throughout the State.

Business was good at first, and Manton at one time considered himself worth over \$1,000,000. Then things began to slip, and on two consecutive days in July, 1938, complaints came in to the New York *World-Telegram* office that Manton was sitting in cases that involved lawyers or litigants from whom the judge or his associates had obtained financial benefits such as loans. This evidence came into the hands of District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey. He made an investigation, and found that six of the loans totaled \$439,481.44, which is considerable change for a Federal judge to take in on the side. In all, it is reported that Manton had twenty-five corporations on the string, among them the American Tobacco Co. and Warner Brothers.

After Twenty-one Years

For twenty-one years the Roman Catholic press has raved approval of Manton's refusal to grant bail to Judge Rutherford and his companions, which refusal he twice executed by order, July 1 and July 12, 1918. As a consequence these men spent nine months in the Atlanta penitentiary. When admitted to bail by order of the Supreme Court of the United States they were released and acquitted. This incarceration which Manton forced upon these Christians pending their new trial and acquittal is the basis upon which the Roman Catholic Church has libelously called Judge Rutherford an "ex-convict" for twenty-one years. Even the flagrancy of this injustice is not the most important thing. But when an organization lauds a felon and persecutes a Christian and at the same time claims to be the representative of Christ the people should be told that their claims are false, and their lie is open for all men to see. What say you, Hierarchy of Rome?

In times past anybody who offended the Papal organization was branded "heretic", a term which in Catholic usage has meaning similar to the word "unpatriotic", namely, a critic of Romanism. Their fertility in coining false and inconsistent charges and hurling them at an opponent is amazing. For instance, most of the Protestant martyrs were burned for disputing the authority of the pope, and this was claimed to be punishment for attacking God's representative. But the lechery and bestiality of these same popes was never for a moment questioned, just as today the felony of Manton is tacitly approved.

In their efforts to dispose of Judge Rutherford their inconsistency has had no bounds. During the war he was accused of having "Hun" sympathies; at this day he is denounced as an anti-German Nazi; on occasion in Switzerland he was reported by agents of Rome to have been the trial judge in the famous conviction of the Communists Sacco and Vanzetti, and he narrowly escaped death from a rioting band of Communists; an article in the Hierarchy's Brooklyn *Tablet* says his speeches are "Communism in another dress"; in Madrid he was very nearly murdered by a mob who said he was a "Jesuit" (this rumor was undoubtedly circulated by a Jesuit); in Germany the cry was "Kill that Jew"; in Lisbon, "Shoot that anti-Communist." If you are a Catholic and accept without examination whatever is told you by a priest, which of

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these stories do you believe? The Hierarchy's REAL charge against Judge Rutherford they DARE NOT MAKE: that he is a Christian and therefore, as a true follower of Jesus Christ, uncompromisingly opposed to their hypocrisy and wickedness.

For many years *Consolation* has been saving a page for the answer of the Hierarchy to these charges. This page is still blank, but the paper is becoming somewhat yellow from age. What says the gentle reader, shall we throw it away?

The Leopard's Whelp

When a Catholic is elevated to the distinguished position of "Knight of St. Gregory the Great" he must have overcome all weakness that might lead him to prefer principle to the interests of the Catholic Church. He must be a true whelp of the leopard, with all the spots and never a flaw. Such a man was found in Manton, but he must be tested.

The Hierarchy noted with gleeful approval that he twice refused bail to the eight Christians they were determined to destroy. But in the spring of 1919, and even before, seven hundred thousand letters were flooding Washington and the trial judge, Howe, had wired his recommendation for "commutation", hoping thus to cast off some of the ignominy of his prejudiced conduct of the trial; eminent lawyers and officials, such as Governor Selzer, of New York, Senator Hiram Johnson, and Senator Tom Watson, were offering their services free to correct this odious miscarriage of justice. The appeal was certain to come before Rogers, Ward and Manton because the Supreme Court of the United States had ordered bail. What would the leopard's whelp do now?

It was not until some time thereafter that Manton was created "Knight of St. Gregory the Great" by Papal decree. But he established his record for wicked prejudice in his DISSENTING opinion which affirmed judgment in a trial with 125 errors. The spawn of the LEOPARD never changes its spots! His vote was nullified by the prevailing opinion of Judges Rogers and Ward reversing the judgment, but MANTON had distinguished himself for the HIERARCHY. The record of this appeal and Manton's amazing opinion, which has on occasions since been produced as evidence to prejudice against Judge Rutherford, is set forth below.

Action of the Court of Appeals

When bail had finally been allowed, after

their imprisonment for nine months because Manton refused to grant bail (in great contrast to the manner in which Judge W. Calvin Chesnut, of Catholic Baltimore, continued Manton's own bail even after conviction), the case came before Judges Ward, Rogers and Manton. This appeal is described in detail in *Rutherford et al. v. U. S.*, Circuit Court of Appeals, Second Circuit. May 14, 1919. Federal Reporter, Vol. 258, Criminal Law 657, Trial No. 239. The decision of the lower court was reversed in the majority opinion by Justices Rogers and Ward. From that opinion the following is quoted:

In error to the District Court of the U. S. for the Eastern District of N. Y.

Joseph F. Rutherford and others were convicted of violating the Espionage Act of June 15, 1917, Tit. 1, g.g. 3, 4, and they bring error. Reversed and remanded for trial.

OPINION OF WARD, CIRCUIT JUDGE

This is a writ of error to a judgment of conviction of the defendants, eight in number, indicted for violation of section 3 and 4, title 1, of the Espionage Act of June 15, 1917. . . . Seven of the defendants were sentenced to terms of twenty years [on each of four counts of the indictment, the sentence to commence and run concurrently, and "that they stand committed until the sentence is complied with", a total of eighty years each!] and the eighth to a term of ten years in the federal penitentiary of Atlanta.

Judge Ward recounted some of the prejudicial actions of the trial court, many examples of which appear in the record. An actual count discloses 125 different errors committed in the trial court.

He concluded his opinion with these words:

"The defendants in this case did not have the temperate and impartial trial to which they were entitled and for that reason the judgment was reversed."

Before taking up the dissenting opinion of Manton, which had no effect on the reversal of judgment, was unnecessary and quite evidently spiteful, it is interesting to note that even Howe, the trial judge, had already admitted his harshness and lack of judicial temperance in a letter set out below dated at Burlington, Vermont, March 3, 1919:

The Honorable Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Answering your telegram of the 1st inst., I wired you last evening as follows:

"Recommend immediate commutation for Joseph F. Rutherford, William E. Van Amburgh, Robert J.

Martin, Fred H. Robinson, George H. Fisher, Clayton J. Woodworth, Giovanni De Cecca, A. Hugh Macmillan. They were all defendants in same case in Eastern District of New York. My position is to be generous now that the war is over. They did much damage by preaching and publishing their religious doctrines."

The severe sentence of twenty years was imposed upon each of the defendants except De Cecca. His was ten years. My principal purpose was to make an example, as a warning to others, and I believed that the President would release them after the war was over. As I said in my telegram, they did much damage, and it may well be claimed that they ought not to be set at liberty so soon, but as they cannot do any more harm now, I am in favor of being as lenient as I was severe in imposing sentence. I believe most of them were sincere, if not all, and I am not in favor of keeping such persons in confinement after their opportunity for making trouble is past. Their case has not yet been heard in the Circuit Court of Appeals.

Respectfully,

[Signed] HARLAND B. HOWE,
United States District Judge.

Also referring to some of this harshness where even the department of justice "said prisoners had been victims of war-time passion or prejudice", a dispatch widely published throughout the nation on March 5, 1919, stated:

ASK CLEMENCY FOR EIGHT

Thousands of letters have been received by the department of justice asking executive clemency for J. F. Rutherford, head of the International Bible Students Association, and seven associates now serving sentences in the Atlanta federal prison on charges of disloyalty growing out of publication of the "FINISHED MYSTERY", a Bible handbook. These cases were appealed by the convicted men from the federal district court in Brooklyn, and are pending in the appellate court. Officials indicated that no action would be taken in their cases until the appellate court had rendered a decision.

Likewise a petition bearing 700,000 names had been presented at Washington. It will thus be seen that the rehearing of this case and the subsequent reversal of judgment hardly came as a voluntary desire on the part of the officials to amend an error of justice, as they had all previously refused to allow bail. It came as a result of much public agitation of the subject, and it was doubtless fear of this publicity that prompted the above-quoted letter and telegram of Harland B. Howe, who had originally tried the case.

The war was over. Nothing had been done by Rutherford and his fellow Christians to interrupt the war. They had only aided their brethren in filing application for exemption

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under the Selective Draft Act. All the foregoing facts were before Manton and without any reason he filed a dissenting opinion insisting that the defendants should be kept in prison for the whole term of 80 years because of the publication of *The Finished Mystery*, which book was written before the war began, and no part of it being written by Rutherford. A book written by President Wilson before the war contained much stronger language than *The Finished Mystery*. The salient part of Manton's Opinion follows:

MANTON, Circuit Judge. I dissent.

The offenses charged were committed between June 16, 1917, and May 6, 1918. The corporations, acting through their officers and employees, who were indicted, between June 30, 1917, and March, 1918, caused to be published 850,000 copies of a book called "The Finished Mystery". These copies were distributed in large numbers in the army camps of the United States, and many hundreds of thousands of copies were distributed throughout the United States and Canada. The book purported to be an interpretation of the Book of Revelations and the Book of Ezekiel. The book has taken the shape of a small bible or prayer book. The first half is devoted to many quotation, with interpretations, from the Scriptures. Then, in about the center of the book, are found writings, placed there in a very insinuating manner, of which the following extracts are a type:

"Standing opposite to those Satan has placed three great untruths, human immortality, the Anti-christ and a certain delusion which is best described by the word Patriotism, but which is in reality murder, the spirit of the very Devil. . . . Under the guise of Patriotism the civil governments of earth demand of peace-loving men the sacrifice of themselves and their loved ones and the butchery of their fellows, and hail it as a duty demanded by the laws of heaven." Page 247.

"If you say that this war is a last resort in a situation which every other method, patiently tried, has failed to meet, I must answer that this is not true—that other ways and means of action, tried by experience and justified by success, have been laid before the administration and willfully rejected.

"In its ultimate causes, this war is the natural product of our unchristian civilization. . . . There is not a question raised, an issue involved, a cause at

stake, which is worth the life of one blue-jacket on the sea or one khaki-coat in the trenches." Page 251.

At about this stage, the fertile mind of the reader would be very much interested, if sanctimonious at all. At this stage, he is supplied this food of poison for his patriotism and loyalty to his country. Under the mockery of religion or religious teaching, I can conceive of no worse thrust at America and at America's needs, at the time of the publication of this book, than that which was published in this book by the defendants. We in America all accord to men of all religious faiths the right to an honest and faithful belief in their creed and the practice of it accordingly, but that the defendants' efforts were intentional and for the desired purpose is apparent from a mere recital of some of the happenings during this period.

I see no error warranting a reversal of this conviction in the conduct of the trial judge, and in my opinion the judgment should be affirmed.

Manton's patriotic fervor as expressed in this opinion gives further light on the meaning of the word "patriotic" as used by distinguished Catholics. He found great dangers to the nation in the actions of true Christians. And he found no objection in his own case to selling his judicial decisions for lucre.

Here is a clear example of how eminent Catholics consider they should be immune to all restrictions as is decreed by Catholic canon law for their clerics. As no criticism has yet come from the Catholic press for Manton's treacherous conduct, it must be assumed that these self-constituted guards of "patriotism" must approve his action. Of course, the laws of a country do not apply to an honored Catholic who takes his orders from Rome.

Thus it appears that in 1919 Manton was already warped in the Jesuit school of bribery. A leopard never changes its spots. Thus stamping on honor, justice, and truth Manton acted as the ideal servant of the Hierarchy and has their tacit approval to this day. The spots will never change, but perhaps a striped uniform will shortly in Manton's case form an appropriate "mark of distinction".—Elton Groves.

It Could Have Been Worse

IN THE Windsor (Ont.) *Daily Star*, the writer of the "Now" column gleefully boasted of the fact that while some of Jehovah's witnesses visited Paincourt, telling of God's kingdom, certain persons filled the luggage carrier with "the most fragrant fertilizers known to Kent County farmers". He adds, "Paincourt

happens to be an almost wholly Roman Catholic community."

Oh well, that was pretty bad. But just think what could have happened if the editor of the "Now" column had been as small of stature as he is of intellect and he himself had been put in the carrier.

Latin America and West Indies

Another Devilish Invention

◆ Another devilish invention is that of an acid which, when mixed with salt water, forms a solution under the water that eats into any kind of metal. Drums of this acid, made in Germany, were brought to a point off Mexico by the German freighter Edna. There they were transferred to the Japanese fishing boat Flying Cloud, and landed at Ensenada, ninety miles from San Diego, in June, 1937. Though watched day and night, one of these drums was obtained three months after they landed. The acid drums are twice as large as gasoline drums, and are lined with rubber.

"Little Devil" in Mexico

◆ The Mexican Light and Power Company estimates that 25 percent of its power is stolen by using the so-called "little devil" to carry the electricity around the meter. In Scranton, Pennsylvania, some years ago a clever electrician tapped the electric wires in such a manner as to cause the family of a widow, living in the same apartment house, to pay for the current he and his family consumed. It's a wonderful world.

Panama No Spaghatt'

◆ Panama should shame itself. The Italian flagship called on a good-will tour, and the people of Panama rotten-egged the show, also freely distributing dead cats, antique vegetables and other tokens, until the officials in the automobile had to return to ship and change uniforms, before they could complete their calls.

Japanese Airport in Costa Rica

◆ The Japanese airport in Costa Rica, 250 miles, or about one hour's flight, from the Panama canal, is said to be ideal for the purposes. Bought and still operated as a cotton field, the prices paid for the field, and the location, make its use as a landing field in time of war almost certain.

Fickle Sea Gulls

◆ In 1937 sea gulls destroyed millions of locusts in Nicaragua, but when 1938 came around and the same pests destroyed the bean crop, Nicaragua's chief food, those gulls just would not show up. What is the reason? You explain it.

The Treasures of Silver Bank

◆ Thirty-five miles off the coast of San Domingo lie sixteen galleons which went down in a hurricane in 1632, loaded with \$70,000,000 of treasure, some \$3,500,000 of which has been salvaged. The wrecks, under 65 feet of water, are completely covered with coral formations. The waters thereabout are particularly dangerous, being exposed to hurricanes, and armies of man-eating sharks and barracudas, as well as treacherous undersea currents.

The Avalanches in St. Lucia

◆ The avalanches in the island of St. Lucia, in the Windward islands, and which avalanches resulted in the death of about a hundred persons, came so swiftly that few had time to escape from the path, and in some instances legs and arms were severed from bodies by the rush of the debris. The region is volcanic. The landslides were caused by continuous rains, causing mountains and hills to split wide open.

An Honor to Costa Rica

◆ The constitution of Costa Rica provides that the president may serve four years, and no more, and is not eligible for re-election. The present president, Leon Castro Cortes, urged by politicians to declare himself a candidate for re-election, declined to violate the constitution, and thereby showed, if he was sincere, that he is an honor to the country he now serves.

Government Lottery in Puerto Rico

◆ The United States mails cannot be legally used for sending lottery tickets or distributing lottery news, yet in Puerto Rico there is a government lottery which in five years collected nearly \$12,000,000 from the poor people of that land. Meantime 750,000 Puerto Ricans are without means of subsistence.

Torture Colony at Santiago

◆ A torture colony for monkeys was established at the island of Santiago, a tract of land 35 acres in extent lying a half mile from San Juan, Puerto Rico. A colony of 500 was brought from the jungles of India and will be used for vivisection purposes. Vivisection is bad for the animals used; worse for the ones who practice it.

Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois

Lawbreakers in Milwaukee



Because gambling is contrary to the state law of Wisconsin, the police of Milwaukee requested warrants for the arrest of certain racketeers operating under the name of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Paul's Catholic Church, Post 2963 of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Germania Mutual Life Society, and Aurora Lodge 145 of I.O.O.F. The warrants were refused, although the city and district attorneys admit that they would be willing to proceed against common prostitutes or persons selling booze to minors. But they have not the nerve to proceed against racketeers who have an ambition to run the country.

What Do You Pay for Milk?

◆ G. H. Lowe, Neillsville, Wisconsin, writing in the *Milwaukee Journal*, explains that he delivered 2,163 pounds of milk (1,082 quarts) with 3.6 percent butterfat test for 1c a pound (2c a quart). Mr. Lowe could not understand why anybody in Milwaukee should be paying more than 5c a quart for milk for which the farmers were getting but 2c. If 5c would be a fair price in Milwaukee, why do they charge 14c in Scranton? It is gravely to be suspected that farmers in the east get but little more than they do in Wisconsin, and that the public are paying more than twice a fair price for the milk they consume.

2½ Tons of Cheese

◆ On the ground that there are about 50,000 tons of cheese in storage in American warehouses, Louis A. Hartly, Marshfield, Wisconsin, gave each school child a present of two pounds of good cheese; and as there were 2,683 of the little folks, it made an immediate market for more than 2½ tons.

The Sale of Sewage

◆ Milwaukee sells 50,000 tons of fertilizer a year, made from its sewage. The profits have run as high as \$850,000 a year, while the annual cost does not exceed \$1,250,000. This seems better sense than pouring the sewage all over the water supplies, or the beaches, as is commonly done elsewhere.

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"Oh, 'Tis Love, and Love Alone"

◆ The value of love was shown in a Chicago experiment. Thirteen mentally retarded babies were put in the care of an equal number of feeble-minded young women, with the result that twelve of the children speedily became normal and seven were adopted and found good homes; and the explanation is that the young women loved them; and love is the greatest remedy in all the world. "God so loved the world" that He gave everybody a chance to meet His reasonable requirements and gain life. Those who respond to God's love become sane, normal and happy.

Robert Wadlow, of Alton

◆ Robert Wadlow of Alton, Illinois, has the misfortune of having a pituitary gland that is overactive, with the result that he is now, at 20 years of age, 8 feet 8½ inches tall and weighs 465 pounds. His growth is expected to continue at a reduced rate for two or three years more. Last year he grew only 1½ inches. His shoes cost \$75. His chair seat is 10 inches higher than the seat of other chairs. Most homes have ceilings 8 feet above the floor. Wadlow cannot stand erect in such a room.

Common Sense in Michigan

◆ The Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a policeman who accepts membership in an illegal gang like the Black Legion is permanently disqualified from serving as a law-enforcement officer. That was common sense; and the same rule should be followed with regard to any policeman who puts his loyalty to a foreign power above his loyalty to the United States. Many Irish Catholic policemen would not arrest a bishop even if they knew he had committed every crime on the calendar.

Hermes Had a Thought

◆ Judge Joseph B. Hermes, of Chicago, the same gentleman who fined Mrs. Schlorchetka \$200 for refusal to worship the flag, has had a thought. Hooray! He had just sentenced a man to the house of correction to work out a fine of \$50 for stealing coal. The man had claimed he had neither fuel nor food in his home. After sentencing the man, Hermes had his thought. An examination of the man's home was made and his wife was found starved to death.

Asia

From Rangoon, Burma

SINCE July, 1938, we have had very unsettled conditions throughout Burma. First we had communal riots—the Buddhists with the Mohammedans—over a book which a Mohammedan published about ten years ago putting forth several points to prove the superiority of the Moslem religion over the Buddhism. This only now seems to have upset “the religious susceptibilities” of the Burmese; but that is an excuse. The real cause is political agitation.

After that the University students went on a strike and started picketing all the other schools. They were petty enough to smash a number of the street lights, with the result that many sections of Rangoon have been in pitch darkness. Little children are now induced by irresponsible leaders and “jobless politicians” to go on a hunger strike.

A number of cultivators have marched to Rangoon from far country places and are encamped at the slopes of the Shwe Dagon Pagoda (the largest Buddhist cathedral in Burma), which is become the center of Hooliganism and politics. The monks are taking active lead in civil disobedience and occasional violence, such as caning old women and assaulting isolated people. Hooliganism reigneth in the land!

Burma was given her own government about two years ago. There are many politicians who are anxious to get into office, and the disturbances are aimed at overthrowing the present ministry. They claim also that even if they have to be under some power, they had rather be under any other than Britain. In this, however, they show their ignorance of conditions obtaining in countries such as Germany, Italy or Japan. The people of Burma enjoy more freedom than any other people in the world, but they don't appreciate it. Instead the local press often publishes a lot of falsehoods or deliberate lies, just to excite the populace, mainly the ignorant ones. Britain has given them a free hand to try to manage the affairs of their country, but they are making a mess of things.

The employees of nearly all the leading corporations were forced to go on strike, some even being kept in custody in the pagoda grounds. Foreign influence has a good deal to do with these disturbances, undoubtedly.

What yet may happen we can't say. Day by day it appears clearly that the Devil is gathering the nations to Armageddon.

A road just constructed connects Burma with China. Goods and ammunition are being sent now to China via this route. It is remarkable that since the opening of this road all the aforesaid disturbances in Burma began. An attempt was made at causing a general strike, which so far has failed, and particularly the railway service has been regular. It is now proposed to link India with Burma by rail. That would be useful in time of war but also will help trade during peace. The cost of construction is estimated at a crore of rupees.—Contributed.

The World's Largest City

◆ This record is now held by Zamboanga, previously a small town at the southern extremity of the Philippines archipelago. The town has recently been given a charter by which it possesses a total area of 1,059 square miles. The record was previously held by Tokyo, with 833 square miles, followed by London, with just under 700. The next in order are Los Angeles, 443.5; Berlin, 348; and New York, 310. From the standpoint of population, however, Zamboanga is not even the largest city in the Philippines; for it boasts only 101,048 inhabitants.—James A. Williams, Lithuania.

Today's Pilgrims to Mecca

◆ Today's pilgrims to Mecca go in motorcars, many of them. They go on roads that are free from bandits. They lodge in villages where they are not overcharged. They are not overtaxed. When they arrive at Mecca they find a good water supply, camping facilities and police supervision. Few of them die by the roadside en route. Egypt's money and influence has done most of this.

Filling the Gap in the Bagdad Railway

◆ The gap of 290 miles in the Bagdad railway is now being filled, and before long it will be possible to board a train in London and not leave it until it reaches the port of Fao, 475 miles southeast of Bagdad on the Persian Gulf. The railway negotiates 55 tunnels in the Taurus mountains, one of them three miles in length.

Australasia

Another South Sea Paradise



THERE recently appeared in *Consolation* an article dealing with the little-known island of Bali. Probably less known are the Tongan islands, sometimes called the Friendly islands, the queen of which recently celebrated her fiftieth jubilee.

Treacherous reefs surrounding the islands, and particularly the main one of the group, help to keep visitors away. This is possibly advantageous to the Tongans, for "civilized" visitors frequently spoil the world's natural beauty spots.

Tonga is the last of the Pacific kingdoms, and a happy and beautiful kingdom it is. Poverty and want are unknown. The air is wonderfully pure, the rain gentle and sweet, and, as in Bali, life is natural and free.

One hundred and fifty-nine islands, scattered over an area of two hundred and sixty-nine square miles, comprise the group. The inhabitants, pure Polynesians, numbered slightly over 31,000 a year ago. A further resemblance to Bali is seen in the physique of the Tongans. They have fine, brown bodies; the young men are stalwart, and the girls really beautiful. The climate of the islands is not as good as that of Bali; for Tonga suffers from severe humidity and hurricanes.

Not many of the so-called amenities of civilization are to be had on the islands. There is no electric light, and there are no newspapers. In these days of a prostituted press, the absence of the latter is perhaps a blessing. What appeals to the visitor most of all is the natural warm-heartedness of the Tongans themselves. Soon after one's arrival gifts in token of welcome and friendship are presented, and the dignity and courtesy of the people is immediately apparent.

A small steamer from New Zealand visits the main island about once a month, but the sea is generally so rough that letters have to be tied in oiled paper and attached to sticks, which are carried by native swimmers to the steamer. Inward mail is put into a sealed tin and thrown over the ship's side, to be picked up by the swimmers. This is the "Tin-Can Mail" well known to travelers in those parts.

Cocoanut trees form the basis of the wealth of the inhabitants, providing copra for export as well as building material for the houses,

refreshment in the form of food and drink, and other household commodities. Tropical fruits and vegetables grow in abundance, and the only meat eaten is that provided by pigs and fowls. It is said that the Tongans sing as naturally as most other people speak. They play no instruments, but blend their voices in beautiful harmony.

A tortoise, presented to the chiefs of Tongatabu in 1777 is still alive in the grounds of the royal palace, and is reputed to be over 200 years old. It bears the title of Chief of the district of Malila and gets the respect due to such a rank!

Besides the queen, there is a privy council and parliament, the latter holding an annual meeting which lasts one month. All the members of the government are full-blooded Tongans, with the exception of the treasurer and the chief justice, who are Europeans. Every Tongan-born male subject receives eight and a quarter acres of land, fully planted with cocoanuts, on reaching the age of sixteen. Education is being developed on sound lines, agriculture and technical training being looked upon as more important than academic knowledge.

In these days, when the governments of "civilized" lands are 'reeling to and fro and staggering like drunken men', when millions upon millions of dollars are being spent every year on weapons of destruction and when fear rules in the hearts of the majority, it is refreshing to know that there are one or two places on this earth as yet so little affected by the blight of religion, politics and commerce.

Public Health Service of Tasmania

◆ Tasmania has ten health districts the doctors of which are paid by the States £800 a year, with housing allowance, a month's holiday and a month's research work on pay, and six months' leave every five years to study abroad. On top of this the doctor receives from the patients double the cost of his automobile mileage, with heavier charges for night work, Sundays and holidays. How the taxpayers can stand this load is a mystery.—*Sydney Labor Daily Condensation*.

[It seems as if the doctor racket runs a close second to the religious racket, from which it traces its descent. In fact, the terms *doctor* and *cure* are common to both.]



Two West African Pioneers

◆ To Jehovah, the great Theocrat, we give all praise for the privilege granted us to serve Him at this hour of great distress amongst the peoples of earth. In Jehovah's service, we are now ten months on tour in the Northern Provinces, where we have been able, by Jehovah's grace, to carry the message of God's Kingdom in printed form to the hungry and thirsty souls in the following places, to wit: Idah, Lokoja, Loco, Makurdi, Kafanchan; Bukuru, Jos, Bauchi, Potiskum, Maiduguri, Zaria, Sokoto, Kano, Kaduna, Minna, and Zungeru, the former capital of the Provinces.

By Jehovah's grace we succeeded in placing 100 bound books and 2,724 booklets for the period of four months, January to April, 1939, in which we rejoice greatly because this is a good report compared with our reports submitted to the Branch office, Lagos, in the previous campaigns.

At Lokoja we were arrested and charged with the offense of hawking in the Township without permit, and the next day we were tried by the Commissioner of Police, who propounded many questions to us; and having received satisfactory answers backed up with scriptures, he concluded with, "May God bless your work." At Sokoto we were again arrested and the same charge was repeated. On this occasion the trial was conducted by the District Officer, who, after we had given answers to his questions, received the booklets *Face the Facts*, *Protection*, and *Where Are the Dead?* in the Hausa language. There were arrests of similar kinds which are not worth mentioning, and we had pleasure in them all because the arrests afforded us full chance to deliver good testimony to the authorities of the Provinces, and thus we rejoice as partakers of the afflictions of the Gospel according to the power of God. (2 Timothy 1:8)

Our zeal was tripled when unexpectedly we saw the WATCH TOWER representative, who drove his sound-car from Lagos to Zaria, a distance of over 617 miles, where he met us.

Leaving us for Lagos, he left many cartons of books and booklets for us, encouraging us to keep on moving.

The picture shows one of the methods we used in Minna township in advertising the King and His kingdom and which method curiously arrested the attention of the public to get the booklets *Face the Facts* and *Fascism or Freedom*. In this very method our speaking trumpet has been a great help to us in this part, because when it is sounded, all heads can be seen through the windows peeping, we approach them, and in this way we can place more books and booklets.

In one village where we called it was observed at the first sounding of our speaking trumpet that all the villagers were jumping into the bush and some were seen locking their doors, and when we asked them the reason for their running, they said they heard that war was coming. We then gathered the people and explained to them about God's kingdom, the only hope of the world, and also about the war, how it would be fought and those that would be saved. In the circumstances, they gladly obtained booklets in their (Hausa) language.—Thomas Ozurumbah and Benson N. Ogbonah, pioneers.

Blessings in La Grange, Georgia

◆ I made a back-call on a party who had taken a booklet from me and who showed interest; I found the party had read the booklet through three times and gladly took more. At another home, which I visited with the phonograph, the lady of the house would not listen, because, she said, she had heard the phonograph a few weeks before. I smiled and told her we had a new record. She listened to "Miracles" and "Instruction" and was so impressed that she subscribed for *The Watchtower*.

I called at another home with the phonograph, and the man of the house told me that if I was calling as a Christian I could play the phonograph, but that he wanted nothing to do with Jehovah's witnesses. He seemed sincere, that he really thought Jehovah's witnesses were a bad group of people, so I went ahead and played the records "Miracles" and "Instruction". About half way through the first record he discovered I am one of Jehovah's witnesses, but remarked to his wife that he saw nothing wrong with the recorded message. After listening to the other side he told

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me he saw where he had been wrong about his belief regarding Jehovah's people, that what he had heard was not true, and that he would not be against us any more.

Witnessing on another street, I found a man who had a goat-like disposition. He said he was going to call the police, and he did follow me down the street, going into the homes I had just left. It became so noticeable that I asked at one home who this man was. When the goat arrived at this home, and found I had closely inquired concerning him, he became very fearful and withdrew from sight.

I called at a home with the phonograph and the wife called her husband out of the garden to listen. At first he did not seem much interested, but listened, said he enjoyed the record and would subscribe for *The Watchtower*. I visited him later with a set of records, and he is now greatly interested in the truth and came to the study Sunday night.

I called on Mayor O'Neal and Chief of Police Matthews. Both were still somewhat embittered, but the most of the people receive us kindly in their homes and appreciate the message which we bring to them by means of the phonograph.—Odie De Berry, Georgia.

God's Glories in the Smoky Mountains

◆ How beautiful the earth is even in its unfinished condition and marred as it is by unsightly billboards, each advertising its own particular brand of death in the form of tobacco! Babylonish steeples rising in the sky are usually the first things one sees when entering picturesque little towns, as well as commercial signs pointing out the special wonders and beauties to be seen, *at a price!* All of these things remind a Jehovah's witness how completely Satan has commercialized his world; and even the wonders of nature bring in a steady stream of gold to his organization.

Much has been said and written about the great beauties and wonders of creation, which fill the Lord's people with awe and reverence and a greater love for their great Creator. Come with me now to western North Carolina, where the great Smoky mountains raise their mighty heads, rugged and lofty, tier upon tier, all clothed in verdant green. This is one of the most beautiful sights it is possible to imagine, and beggars description. No poetry or painting could express its loveliness.

As we drive into this section from Georgia the mountains lie ahead of us in a hazy blue,

outlined against the sky; and as we drive on the blue changes to emerald green, and we are in the Smokies! Here we begin to climb, and the road circles round and round, up, up, up; wonderful engineering, showing what even imperfect man can do when his thoughts are not on war. We are at the top of one of the crests and look down—a sheer drop of thousands of feet below—to cabins nestled in fertile valleys, with rivers and creeks winding in and out. Faintly we catch the tinkle of a cowbell, and the rushing of waters as they dash over natural dams of stone and rock. By the way, many of the farmers make their own electricity by means of water-wheels.

Looking at these great hills, one would never dream that farming could be carried on so efficiently; but there are very fertile farms even at the tops of these mountains. Sometimes the fields being cultivated are so steep and slanting that, looking from one hill to another, it seems as if the farmer and his animal must come tumbling down, and makes one feel that "thar ain't no law of gravity". I said "animal" advisedly, for these farmers use horses, mules, oxen with the old-fashioned yokes, Ferdinand the bull, and even the family milch cow!

Many of these farms are miles off the roads, and one must walk up the steep mountain-sides, cross rushing creeks over logs thrown from bank to bank, and, panting and winded, stumble to the cabin door to be greeted by the whole family; for, as you may imagine, it is a great event to have a stranger drop "up" to see them. Everything has to be "toted" to these places either by muleback or man power. The mountains are too steep for even a wagon. We visited one farm on a river bank which had no road on the side the farm was on, and the only means of getting across was by a swinging footbridge or by boat. The farmer had to wait until the river was low enough to ford, in the fall, before he could take any crops out or bring heavy supplies in.

These valleys and farm communities are called "coves", and take their names usually from the rivers and creeks on which they are situated. There are hundreds of these creeks and coves, and many of them are thickly inhabited. The mountainsides are covered with wonderful apple orchards; for this is a famous apple country.

We have seen several thunderstorms lately, and it is a wonderful sight to witness the lofty

heights outlined against the inky blackness of the clouds, with the lightning splitting the blackness, and the deep rumble of thunders. We try to picture what these mountains will be like when the might and power of Jehovah is manifested at Armageddon.

As we drive on evening falls, and dusky night begins to cover the landscape. We now see these great mountains silhouetted against the sky and are reminded of Jehovah's watch-care over His own, as expressed in Psalm 125:1, 2. Twinkling lights appear in little cabins scattered over the hills, and from the hedgerows comes the most delicate scent of honeysuckle, which literally covers the roadside, and blossoms all summer long.

Now darkness completely covers the earth, and, as if at a signal, thousands of fireflies appear and flit around us, turning on and off their phosphorescent light. I cannot begin to describe this last loveliness of the day, and can only say with the psalmist, "O Jehovah, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches."—Mrs. G. E. Fiske, Pioneer.

Kingdom Blessings in Saskatchewan

◆ On January 1, I began the "Watchtower Campaign", anxious to have a part in it, but with very little hope of finding anyone interested enough to take a subscription.

I called on a lady who had been witnessed to many times before by myself and other publishers. She always allowed us to play the record, but had never seemed to take any interest, and, in fact, would interrupt the record to talk about other things. I was very happily surprised, therefore, when she told me she had been waiting for a Jehovah's witness to call. Her husband had subscribed for *Consolation* about six months ago and she found it very interesting. She had put \$2.00 away for "Christmas" presents, but after reading the advertisement on the back of the *Consolation* magazine offering *The Watchtower* she decided she would like to obtain it.

She remarked to me that we did not believe in "Christmas". I explained to her and showed her, in Jeremiah 10, what the heathen do.

I had made arrangements for a back-call and called the following week. She asked numerous questions, one being "What is a Jona-dab?" She told us that when we had called before she had thought, "What right have they to come and try to change people to their re-

ligion?" Then she began thinking, "Only eight went through at the time of Noah, and when Jesus Christ was on the earth there were only a very few; so why wouldn't it be the same now?"

She went down in the basement and brought up the books and booklets she had obtained from witnesses before, mostly, she said, to get rid of the caller.

I have made arrangements for her to receive the *Informant*, and believe that very shortly she will become a "laborer" with us.—N. Shafer, Canada.

Town Clerk of Ephesus Example

◆ Sir Alexander Maxwell, Permanent Under-Secretary of the British Home Office, listened to deputations of clergymen demanding suppression of demonstrations and processions. He told them, "I wonder what would have happened if the town clerk of Ephesus had suppressed Paul and his companions, who were attacking the established church of the place and its industry [business]." He surmised that the clerk, prompted by the chief constable, took the stand that there should be no interference with the propagation of Paul's message.

New Market for Telescopes



In the town of Calway, California, a clergyman of the so-called "Church of God" chased the witness away from the porch. After he left another witness chanced to see the clergyman behind some bushes with a spy-glass in hand, evidently very curious to know what really is the "Cure", but not sufficiently courageous to come across with a copper cent to find out. The correspondent who sent in this item astutely remarks that all clergymen should now be furnished with telescopes.

"Up Behind the Door"

◆ At Kendal, England, a Catholic youth said to his Protestant uncle, when he saw *The Harp of God* and other of Judge Rutherford's books in the latter's bookcase, "I cannot read any of them, because they are up behind the door." This puzzled the uncle, and on inquiry he found that the lad referred to a list of books pinned up behind their church door, containing the names of various books which Catholics may not read, lest they learn something.

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Belated Convention News

SIX witnesses, three of them ladies, drove from Oklahoma to the New York Convention. Arrived in Brooklyn, the ladies had not had time to get out of the car when three men came up in pompous manner and their spokesman wearing a Knights of Columbus button ordered them to remove from their car the banner advertising Judge Rutherford's public address. The Oklahoma men were not impressed. The Knights of Columbus spokesman swung at one of the Oklahoma citizens, when the smallest man among them all knocked two of the Brooklynites flat upon the pavement. Then another Oklahoma man, with his knee in the back of one of the Brooklyn parties, and his strong right arm pulling back on his collar, wiped his face on the sidewalk. He rose, tried it a second time, was treated to a second wiping on the sidewalk, and gave it up. A good time was had by all. Westerners are very informal.

At one unknown Convention point a hostile person picked up a brick, intending to heave it through the side of one of Jehovah's witnesses' sound-cars. A husky colored witness struck him so hard under the chin that he dropped the brick and took an involuntary rest on the flat of his back.

One individual, with less sense than recklessness, attacked a marcher, and broke the stick which bore aloft the sign "Religion is a snare and a racket" — "Serve God and Christ the King". The witness peacefully restrained him from doing further damage by causing him to recline upon the sidewalk, somewhat suddenly, and went on holding in his raised hand the sign, "Serve God and Christ the King." This happened near Madison Square Garden, New York.

In Brooklyn one husky witness received a glancing blow from some passing Fascistic fist. He returned it on the jaw; and while the troublemaker was gathering himself up from the pavement, two passers-by jumped into the line of march, and cried, "We are with you." They begged the privilege of carrying a sign, and received it. They gladly continued to the end of the march, leaving the witness two hands for distributing circulars, having no further need of them for defense.

At Denver a crowd of gangsters, sympathetic with one "Reverend Father" McMenamin (guess his "church"), grabbed some of the information march placards. An athletic witness recovered the placards and, when struck on the head for

doing it, laid out the assailant on the sidewalk. A crowd gathered, and it looked as if a fight was inevitable, when proffered assistance was unexpectedly received from one of the onlookers. A well-known prize-fighter called out to the witness, asking, "Do you need any help, Dick?" The fight was all off. The Lord has His own way of taking care of His people. It may be added that six well-known boxers, one from Texas, famous throughout the West, and one from the Pacific Coast fleet, famous in the seven seas, were at that convention and well prepared to defend American liberties in Western style. Sometimes those who look for trouble are surprised when they really find it.

At the Oklahoma convention the assistant chairman, Julius Johnson, was 7 feet 1 inch tall, while A. H. Macmillan, of Brooklyn, who came to preside at the meeting, is only 6 feet 1 inch.

At Portland, Oregon, numerous signs advertising the convention were destroyed, and immediately after the convention a witness who, by permission, was visiting the boats in Portland Harbor was violently assaulted by a Catholic seaman. The Catholic was arrested and fined, and will have to work out the fine.

Declarations

A witness from Montreal narrated how, at a meeting in the French section, officers of the law, obeying Cardinal Villeneuve, entered and seized all books, phonographs and records. The chairman said he did not mind so much the loss of all these, but sorrowed over the loss of his grip, containing all the hard-bought back-call slips. Suddenly a small piping voice of a child of seven spoke up, saying, "No, they're not gone. I dropped your case out of the back window, because I knew what was inside." Babes and sucklings! O thou great and good God of thy people!

A witness at the convention, visiting the World's Fair, was asked if he would like to say something over the radio to the American people. He responded by inviting his listeners to hear Judge Rutherford's address on "GOVERNMENT AND PEACE"; and as his host chanced to be an usher of the Temple of Religion, form your own mental picture of the embarrassing situation. Christianity has come to the hour of its triumph; and "Religion", to the hour of first its shame and then its doom.

(To be continued)

Northern Europe

Refugee Children from Germany

◆ Yesterday the ship that brought 800 Jewish children in from Germany docked right alongside of us. . . . It was the pitifullest sight I've ever seen in my life.

Any man that was halfway human could not have helped but have his blood boil to have seen the way those small children from four to twelve years old were beat up. There was not a one who did not have bruises.

Four died in two days' time while getting here. They had black eyes, blood dried in their hair . . . some with broken legs . . . at least two dozen with broken arms.

The ship that brought them was Dutch and did not have a doctor on board. They did not have enough splints to use or bandages for them and they had torn open packing cases for splints and sheets for bandages and then they only had enough for the worse cases.

This town is wild, but they are afraid to say anything about it or even publish it in the papers, as they say that they cannot depend on France or England any more for protection from a powerful nation.—An American seaman, writing from Rotterdam, December 4, 1938.

Why Sweden Is a Good Place to Live

◆ Members of the Swedish Congress get \$5 a day for every day they work, but may not work more than 200 days a year. No one can buy liquor without a liquor book, which they cannot get unless they paid their taxes for three years previous, and which they lose if they get drunk. Anybody that gets sick can go to a hospital and receive the best of care, including operations if necessary, at 50c a day for the first 30 days and 25c a day thereafter. For every tree cut down a tree must be planted. All schools are state controlled, and there are no tuition charges to attend any of them, anywhere. When a man is unemployed he receives his unemployment pay check at the same window where he once received his wages.

Hard on the Live Stock

◆ Travelers entering Sweden from Denmark are now required to wash their beards with disinfectant, have their shoes disinfected and their clothing dry-cleaned. This is done in an effort to control the hoof and mouth disease spreading north from Germany.

Irish First in Iceland

◆ Thor Thors, Icelandic commissioner to the New York World's Fair, in a carefully prepared statement for the *New York Times*, states that the Irish were living in Iceland before A.D. 795, and an account of their sojourn there is available to scholars in the writings of Diculi, an Irish monk living in France thirty years later. The Scandinavians first visited Iceland in 850, and in 900 Greenland was seen, and can still be seen from the western mountains of Iceland on a clear day. There were 50,000 persons living in Iceland in A.D. 930.

Room for One More

◆ A Dutchman was dining in the restaurant car of a German train. The waiter approached with the usual "Heil Hitler!" The Dutchman made no reply. The waiter was annoyed. "Every time I say 'Heil Hitler' to you," he snapped, "you must say 'Heil Hitler' to me."—"Hitler? He doesn't mean a thing to us in Holland," remarked the Dutchman.—"Maybe not," said the waiter, "but one day you'll get our Fuehrer in Holland, too."—"Perhaps so," smiled the Dutchman. "We already have your Kaiser."—Ludwig Lore, in *N. Y. Post*.

Women's Rights in Sweden

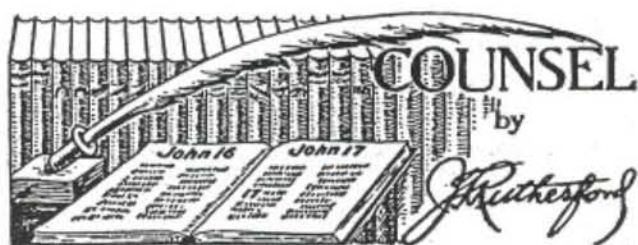
◆ From July 1, 1939, no Swedish woman who has been employed two years at the time of her marriage can be dismissed from her job owing to marriage, the birth of a child or confinement. She will be allowed twelve weeks' absence during confinement, and no signing away of her rights will be recognized by law.

It has always seemed rather unfair that when a woman takes on the responsibility of supporting a husband she should be dismissed from her work. It ain't right, nowheres.

Icelanders Co-operate

◆ Icelanders believe in co-operation, and practice it, too. The Federation of Iceland Co-operative Societies serves more than half of the 120,000 people of the country. The co-operatives handle 90 percent of all the meat exported from Iceland, 80 percent of all the wool, and 85 percent of all the skins. They operate the most modern dairies, bakeries and tanneries, and engage in a large way in the manufacture of soap, shoes and clothing.

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Unpardonable

MUCH has been written about the so-called "unpardonable sin". The Scriptural meaning of the term follows. "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23) All mankind today, being sinners by inheritance, are therefore dying, and other billions have already died. Those thereof that have not committed or do not commit the "unpardonable sin" are in line for an awakening from the dead unto a resurrection, because Jehovah God has provided for the salvation of humankind by the Redeemer, Christ Jesus. (John 5:28, 29) Those that have committed the "unpardonable sin" will never have a resurrection. They have committed the "sin unto death", that is, the "second death", meaning destruction from which there is no return.—See 1 John 5:16, 17; Revelation 20:14; 21:8.

Specific cases of the unpardonable sin are Adam, Judas Iscariot, and the scribes and Pharisees that conspired to have Jesus murdered. Jehovah God gave Adam a choice of obedience and life or of lawlessness and death, with no promise of redemption and resurrection. Adam chose the latter course, and died, and must remain in that condition. Christ Jesus died, not for Adam, who was sentenced to destruction because of rebellion, but for Adam's offspring, that those thereof exercising faith and obedience might gain life. Judas, chosen as an apostle and a witness of Jesus' miracles and personally with Jesus for about three years, betrayed Him for filthy lucre. The unpardonableness of Judas' crime is proved by Jesus' words calling Judas "lost" and "the son of perdition". (John 17:12) To His apostles Jesus said concerning Judas: "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" (John 6:70) Judas therefore experiences the Devil's fate, eternal destruction.

The holy spirit is the invisible power of Jehovah God, whose name is Holy, and it operated and manifested itself through the words and deeds and miracles of Christ Jesus. The wicked Pharisees accused Him of serving the

Devil. To them Jesus said: "But if I cast out devils by the spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. . . . And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the holy [spirit], it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. . . . O generation of vipers! how can ye, being evil, speak good things?" (Matthew 12:22-34) Designating them as the offspring or seed of the Serpent, the Devil, Jesus said: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers! how can ye escape the damnation of hell [(Greek) *Gehenna*; destruction]?"—Matthew 23:33.

Now bringing the question down to our day: One who willfully rejects the Lord and His kingdom and persecutes those who advertise God's kingdom is certainly sinning against the light, because it is the spirit of God that causes the light to shine out that men may see the way to salvation. Such conduct, therefore, is sinning against the spirit of God. Jesus said: "He who speaks against the holy spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world nor in the world to come." Also the inspired apostle adds: "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." (Hebrews 10:26) This latter scripture announces a rule that applies to all, in harmony with the words Jesus addresses to the "goats" in the parable of the sheep and goats: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire [destruction], prepared for the devil and his angels." "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment [(Greek) *kolasin*; cutting-off]." (Matthew 25:41, 46) These words apply at the end of Satan's world, where we now are.

Without a question of doubt there are many among the clergy of "Christendom" that profess to be the servants of God and Christ and have the Bible and claim to teach it, and that see, from the evidence that the Lord has brought to their attention, that the Kingdom is now here, operating in the midst of God's enemies. And yet those churchmen, moved by Pharisaical selfishness, spurn the Kingdom and the Kingdom message that Jehovah's witnesses bear, and persecute those who bring the message to the people. They also use all their power and influence to prevent the people from hearing the truth of and concerning the Kingdom. Certainly they are not ignorant. Their opposing the kingdom of God is not be-

cause of ignorance, but they are doing so willfully. They are far better informed than the Pharisees of old, and of necessity the Lord's announced rule as against the Pharisees applies with equal strength to those modern-day clergymen. Concerning suchlike the Lord Jesus said: "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers! how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" (Matthew 23:13, 15, 33) Is there any further benefit to be received by such willful, deliberate opposers of the Kingdom from the ransom sacrifice of Jesus? The Scriptural answer is No. God caused His words concerning such willful sinners to be written at Hebrews 10:28, 29.

Not only have such willful sinners indulged in religious teachings and practices contrary

to God's Word, by which they have led numerous persons into Satan's snare, but they have also willfully caused millions of others to be ensnared by the Devil by preventing them from hearing the truth. There is a great crowd of persons who willfully support the religious leaders and join with those leaders in the present-day opposition to the Kingdom of God under Christ, which Kingdom the spirit of God is now causing to be proclaimed by His witnesses on earth. If those supporters of the religious opposers should die in that condition, is there hope for them in the resurrection period? If they were to be awakened during the thousand-year reign of Christ, is there any reason why they would avail themselves of His ransom sacrifice and obey the divine law then? It does not appear that they would. God's Word does not hold out any hope of salvation to those religious leaders who willingly oppose His kingdom and His King and thus commit the unpardonable sin, nor does it hold out hope for the adherents of those religious systems who likewise willfully oppose the Kingdom. Read Luke 17:26-30.

Animal Husbandry

Mange—Warm Oil and Sulphur

◆ Two valuable dogs, suffering terribly from mange; hair off back and neck; skin raw and covered with lumps; dogs constantly scratching themselves and manifestly in abject misery. On recommendation by a dog-lover each dog was bathed with three quarts of warm crank case oil in which a handful of sulphur had been dissolved. Result: Both dogs are well and happy, and growing beautiful, glossy coats of hair, soft as a puppy's.

Bottle-reared Lion No Good

◆ Leo, bottle-fed lion of the Crafts, California, circus, was too gentle for the show business, and as it cost \$2 a day to feed him, and he would not work, the proprietors did not know what to do with him, but at last he was given a home for life in the animal haven of George Williamson, near Ripon. There he may roam to his heart's content.

Joy Among the Bloodthirsty

◆ There is great joy among the bloodthirsty, to know that in the year 1938, in the state of Wyoming, 3,959 beautiful and inoffensive elk

were killed by the proud owners of high-powered rifles. Other achievements of those who enjoy life themselves, but are distressed because four-footed creatures enjoy the same blessings, were 1,637 deer, 29 moose and 29 bear, and 5 mountain sheep.

Beavers as Dam Builders

◆ Beavers have been known to build dams 450 feet long. So skilled are they in felling trees, which they cut with their sharp front teeth, that the trunks fall just where they are wanted. The object in building the dams is so that the beavers may swim below the ice in winter, and so get at the food which, in summer, they cache where they will need it later.

A Free-wheeling Sheep

◆ At Murrayville, Illinois, a sheep had its hind legs crushed when a colt stepped on them, but the farmer who owns it got around the difficulty by making harness and a pair of wheels by which the sheep can get about its grazing business with almost as much ease as before it was hurt.

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Crops and Soils

Reflections of a Cotton Grower

◆ I hate cotton because of what it does to the children: it keeps them out of school so they may pick cotton, and they grow up in ignorance. We should change the school year, in the cotton-growing sections. School should run from January 1 to July 31, and the vacation season from August 1 to December 31.

Much cotton is produced by share-croppers because it does not, and cannot, pay a living wage. Share-croppers generally till from twenty to thirty acres, quarter of which usually is planted to corn and three-quarters to cotton; the average production is slightly under 200 pounds an acre, so the average cropper raises between six and nine bales—or between three and four and a half bales for himself.

When, as now, cotton brings under \$45 a bale, his share is worth between \$150 (with seed) and \$225. That is for a whole family, which means six or seven people or more.

Nations that do not raise cotton seem to be better off than the cotton-producing ones.—Granville T. Chapman.

Protection Against Plenty

◆ America this year is being blessed—beg pardon, cursed—with plenty. The wheat crop this year is estimated at 967,412,000 bushels, the largest since 1915, and with the exception of that year the largest on record. And there are bumper crops all along the line. Corn, oats, barley, rye, rice, hay, beans, potatoes, tobacco, sugar beets, hops, peaches, pears, grapes—all of them will exceed the average crop of the ten years from 1927 to 1936. Prices will be low enough, because of this plenty, so that more people can buy more of everything to eat. What disaster!

Sterilization of Soils

◆ There are now three methods of sterilizing soils, i.e., freeing them from weeds: one is by live steam, another by direct application of flame, and the third is by putting the soil to be sterilized into a large box and drilling several holes in the earth. Into these holes are put a few drops of tear gas. The whole is covered with a canvass, and in two days the soil is entirely free from weed contamination and can be used for any purpose such as greenhouses, lawns, golf courses, etc.

How Much Poison Can You Carry?

◆ The secretary of agriculture decided that apples are O.K. if they carry not more than .02 grain of fluorine residue per pound of fruit. This doubles the possible fluorine content. The same wise and great man increased the tolerance for lead residue from .018 grain per pound of fruit to .025 grain. He forgot to tell everybody that the lead you eat with your apples stays with you. Eat one apple and you are carrying around .025 grain of lead; eat 100, and you are navigating around with 2.5 grains in you, and pretty soon you can be melted down and made into bullets or a lead casket for somebody.

The Power of Tomato Roots

◆ It has been demonstrated that "orphan" tomato roots generate sufficient power to send sap up to a height of 200 feet, or about twenty-five times as high as the average tomato plant grows. The entire theory of plant life has been recently changed by this discovery, and for the first time scientists understand that it is root force that enables trees to send their sap 350 feet up into the air. The power of a plant is now believed to lie in its roots and not in its leaves. This may be the right idea, but it is best not to be too dogmatic. Scientists also are human and prone to err.

Trees in the Shelter Belt

◆ The trees that are to keep the dust bowl from spreading are taking root, and a total of 6,870 miles of trees suitable to the belt have been planted. The ones that have thrived best are sumach, lilac, honeysuckle, chokecherry, and honey locust. Other trees that survived fairly well are the wild plum, American elm, cottonwood, hackberry, red cedar, Chinese elm, Kentucky coffee tree, and apricot.

Seedless Watermelons -

◆ Michigan State College reports the development, after long research, of a seedless watermelon, and with the flavor unimpaired. The discovery is the work of a Chinese graduate of the institution.

Blossoming Can Be Delayed

◆ Blossoming of fruit trees and sprouting of potatoes can be delayed one week by spraying with potassium naphthalene nitrate.



Some Pagan Ceremonies

♦ **LENT.**—Today, as for centuries past, Lent is a "Feast" of the Roman Catholic Church. Forty days prior to "Easter" Romanists abstain from meat. Originally Lent was observed by the Babylonians, long before the birth of Christ, in honor of the Babylonian goddess whose name was Astarte, one of the titles of Beltis, the "queen of heaven". Lent is observed today, forty days of it, in the spring of the year by the Yezidis, or Pagan-Devil-worshippers of Koordistan, who have inherited it from their early masters, the Babylonians. The Pagan Mexicans, before the Church of Rome "converted" them to Popery, also held their forty days Lent.

HOLY WEEK.—This is the week prior to "Easter" and observed by Papists as something very special. There is no Scriptural authority for its observance. Every week is holy to true Christians. This Holy Week humbug business was swept away at the Reformation.

PALM SUNDAY.—The Papists on this day take sprigs of trees and hedges to their churches and the priest "blesses" them. Their possession "keeps away the Devil and remits sin". This is another superstitious abomination that has crept into the Church of Scotland.

GOOD FRIDAY.—This is also of Pagan origin, as it was on the Friday before "Easter", the day of the pagan goddess, Astarte (from which the word Easter is taken), that "buns" were made and used in the worship of the Chaldean goddess. Do Protestants ever ask themselves as to the origin of the Hot-Cross Bun? The Bun, or "Boun", was the "sacred bread" offered to the gods under the rites of Chaldean worship 1500 years before the Christian era. This "Boun" is referred to as a thing of idolatrous worship in Jeremiah 7:18. In the olden times the Bun was "offered" in pagan worship on the festival of Easter, or Astarte, but good Presbyterians and others today eat the Bun, and this on the date of a PAGAN festival!

EASTER.—Its Chaldean name condemns it! The name is found today on Assyrian monu-

ments as "Ishtar". This means Astarte or Easter, which, as we have already pointed out, was one of the titles of Beltis, the "queen of heaven". (Even the "Beltane Queens" crowned these days take their title from "Ishtar" or "Astarte".) The word "Easter" is foreign to Scripture. True, it is found in Acts 12, verse 4, but it has no right to be there. The word in the original Greek is not a word that means the day on which Christ was raised from the dead. The word "Easter" is a mistranslation of the original. The Greek word is *Pascha*, meaning Passover. The word is used by Paul in 1 Corinthians 5:7, where he says, "Christ our passover [*pascha*] is sacrificed for us." Let the reader read Acts 12 from verse 1, and can he conceive Herod, an enemy of the Christian faith, honoring the observance of Easter, if Easter were then a Christian institution? Why should Herod, who was not a Christian, hold Peter till after the due celebration of what is claimed to be a Christian festival? The very suggestion is an insult to every intelligent person. And what about the Easter eggs? Where do they come in? What connection can an egg have with the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Again we find paganism to the forefront. An egg was one of the symbols of Astarte, or Easter, the Babylonian "queen of heaven". Here is the story of the Easter egg. 'An egg of wondrous size fell from heaven into the Euphrates river. Fishes rolled it to the bank; doves settled on it and hatched it, and out came the Syrian goddess Astarte, or Easter.' Hence the Easter egg of today, as pagan as Easter Day itself.

CHRISTMAS.—Here we have more paganism! No person knows the date of Christ's birth, and it is sheer presumption and irreverence for any person to tell us that Jesus Christ was born on the 25th of December. The Scriptures are silent on the date of Christ's birth, and they are silent for a purpose, that purpose being that we should not as Christians observe Christ's birth. Every intelligent student of history believes that Christ was not born in the depths of winter. It was not till 400 years after Christ's ascension to heaven that His birth was observed, and with the other "festivals" which we are considering, "Christmas" is purely of pagan origin. "Christmas" means "Christ's Mass", a Roman Catholic observance of Roman Catholic origin. But the name "Christmas" also means "Yuleday", and here we find its pagan origin. "Yule" is the Chaldee for "infant", or

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"little child", and the 24th of December was observed as "Yule-day" or "Child's Day" by our pagan Anglo-Saxon ancestors long before the Christian era. Our ancestors also celebrated what we term Christmas Eve as "Mother Night", and this long before the time of Christ. Further, in Egypt, the "son of the queen of heaven" was said to have been born on the 25th of December. Christmas in its entirety is wholly pagan, and the sooner Protestants of all denominations come to appreciate the danger of celebrating these things of paganism, the better it will be for Protestantism.—Alexander Ratcliffe, Scotland.

Treat All Confidence Men Alike

◆ To place American citizens, who desire to enter the Purgatory game, on an equal footing with the Roman boys, I think it would be advisable to license all Purgatory Purgers and require everyone engaged in the business to exhibit a sign in front of his or her establishment, reading: "Licensed by the U.S. Government to pray souls out of Purgatory." It would also be well to provide a statute of limitations on the industry, and I suggest ten years. If a sojourner can't be moved out in that length of time, it should be declared a wild goose chase and given up as a bad job.

This measure when enacted would not interfere with the free exercise of religion. Passage of laws to guarantee bank deposits, stop fake stock sales, prohibit faro, roulette, loaded dice, three shell games, one-armed slot machine bandits, Shultz and Hines numbers, etc., only makes the Purgatory racket more profitable. Operators of the non-religious rackets have to pay part of the "take" over to the Government in income and various other forms of taxes. Why should not all "confidence" men be treated alike?—Frank C. Hughes, in the *San Diego Broom*.

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Religious Building at San Francisco

◆ There are not enough buildings everywhere to house all the religious rackets, and so the San Francisco World's Fair will have a special Tower of Religion to commemorate the present world peace in Ethiopia, Czechoslovakia, Spain and China; freedom of religion; as in Sydney, Australia, where the Hierarchy was afraid to have Judge Rutherford land because he would teach the people something about the Bible; freedom of the press, as witnessed in Seattle, where the newspapers refused to print what they admitted was the truth; freedom of speech, as in New Orleans,

where policeman McNamara cut the wires leading Judge Rutherford's London speech to a Christian assembly, and told his men to shoot to kill, if anybody interfered; and freedom of assembly, broken up in the same city by the same man on the same occasion. It seems fitting.

The Statue in San Francisco Bay

◆ The statue of Saint Francis of Assisi, to be erected in San Francisco bay, will be five feet higher than the Statue of Liberty in New York bay. It will be built as a Federal Art Project of the WPA,

which has allotted \$50,000 for the purpose. The city of San Francisco will collect \$22,000 from its taxpayers toward the cost of materials. Concerning the original design for this monstrosity, or tombstone-cutter's nightmare, as he called it, Westbrook Pegler said:

It is a figure with the conventionalized head of the 1910 model of family doctor, with a pointed beard, inclosed in an aviator's helmet and having, beneath the chin, a sort of bib or drool cloth. The hands are upraised in the standard posture of the guest of honor at a stickup and the figure then declines, round, rigid as a concrete pipe and innocent of fold or human line, to the waist, where it disappears into a barrel extending to the base.



The tattooed lady

Idolatry in New Orleans



The idolatry in New Orleans was fittingly introduced by McNamara's orders to shoot to kill Jehovah's witnesses if they dared receive a Bible lecture broadcast all over the world. Next step was to decorate the city lamp posts with 5-foot candles and set up the largest amplifying system ever known so that the whole city could listen to the Italian broadcasting gibberish from Vatican City. Then the general manager of the Hearst newspapers made a fervent plea against all forms of intolerance. Fine! Then Farley said, "In God we trust," but he really meant "God" and McNamara, mostly McNamara. Meantime Cardinal Mundelein sat on his throne. Don't overlook that. Suppose he had sat on a milk stool. Think how it would have balled everything up. It is important to know what he sat on. Now, for instance—but why go into that? Fifty thousand got soaked to the skin. Five hundred fainted. Somebody got a broken leg. Priests went to bat, 100 at a clip, each with a missal, chalice veil, burse, pall, wine and water cruets. Every priest must have his wine every morning. Archbishop Glennon spoke in favor of rugged individualism, by which he meant, of course, such acts as those of his co-religionist McNamara in offering to kill Jehovah's witnesses for exercising their rights. Bishop Morris said "the Catholic Church has become an asset to the Nation for morality" of the McNamara kind. Farley struck at state interference with religion, but he thought McNamara did the right thing, because Jehovah's witnesses are not religionists, but merely Christians, which is the exact opposite. Cicognani said, "God is here." You bet. For details see 2 Corinthians 4:4. Of the original audience of 65,000, about 15,000 adults skipped for shelter when it started to rain. Of the 50,000 that remained, 35,000 were school children that had to stay and take it; so the adults were split fifty-fifty on going and staying. A few adults fainted, and more than 500 little folks, worn out by the intolerable and insufferable ceremonies.

Good Place to Start

◆ In an address at the Catholic blowout in New Orleans Joseph V. Connolly, general manager of Hearst newspapers, asked for a world-wide movement in "defense of all those who suffer persecution". He did this just a few days after a fellow Catholic in the same city

had threatened to blow out the brains of Christians who desired to hear a Bible discourse broadcast from London. Connolly conveniently shuts his eyes to the fact that the greatest persecutors of Christians for a thousand years or more have come from the very institution he is so eager to perpetuate, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. Another speaker at the same function, Bishop John B. Morris, of Little Rock, Arkansas, said, "We [Catholics, but not Jehovah's witnesses] are permitted in this country to serve God according to the dictates of our consciences."

Not All Priests Are Alike

◆ In the city of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, a Ukrainian man lay ill in the hospital and was reading some of Judge Rutherford's books. Another man near him, also Ukrainian, was dying of cancer. In sympathy the first patient asked the nurse to take the cancer patient some of the booklets to read, to pass the time and comfort him.

As the cancer patient was reading a priest came to call on these men, and on observing what the cancer patient was reading he became very indignant, and denounced these booklets and reproved the one who was reading them. The poor man answered that he could find nothing wrong in them, but thought they were for the purpose of teaching him something. After this the priest did not call further to see this man, and he became worried, thinking he had committed a great sin.

Later another priest came to the hospital and came to visit these men. They inquired if they had done wrong to read these booklets, and asked why the other priest had failed to visit them. This priest replied that so long as the books contained food for the soul it was all right to read them. It seems that even some of the priests are confused.—Mrs. J. Walters, Canada.

The Answer Is, No, Not a Thing

◆ I want you to know that I appreciate your publication very much. Is there any concerted effort made to stop the horrible propaganda in our moving pictures? This has no bearing on your fine efforts. You surely do your share against the insidious efforts of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. I usually keep away from the worst movies. The other day I went to see "Jesse James". It was a fright.—L. S. Walker, California.

Religion "Hits" Baseball



Baseball fans know that the New York Yankees are strong favorites to win the 1939 American League pennant. But it wasn't until a recent disclosure by Jimmy Powers, a prominent New York sports writer, that they found out the world champions now have the additional "distinct advantage" of the prayers of the nuns and priests of the missions scattered throughout the whole world. With the newly discovered patron saint of baseball, St. Antony, getting them out of their infrequent batting slumps, and with red, white, and blue candles being burned in front of Our Lady's altar each morning for them, what chance have the Red Sox or any other team to overhaul them! With the nuns becoming baseball-minded, seeing that now the Yank box scores are posted in monasteries and convents from coast to coast, the next step is to inaugurate "nun day" and thus give all the fair ladies seats in the grandstand. Further, Jimmy Powers points out that the next time you see a team's star hitter over in some corner murmuring to himself you can assume, if his batting percentages have fallen, he is saying something like this:

"St. Antony, St. Antony,
Come around.
Something's been lost,
And cannot be found."

I Ate Meat on Friday

◆ I was raised a Catholic and was taught in the convent that if I ate meat on Friday I would die. I believed that implicitly. One day I became very angry at my mother and decided that I wanted to die, and then she would be sorry. I ate a lot of meat on Friday; nothing happened, and I knew from that day, though I still continued to attend church, that the whole thing is a racket. Since then I came in contact with the truth, and am rejoicing in it.—Pennsylvania, Zone 6.

Who Owns Mobile?

◆ You ask who owns Mobile? I reply, the Catholic population owns fully two-thirds of it. When I was a little girl an old Catholic man said in the presence of my father that he would rejoice on the day when he saw the streets of Mobile flooded with Protestant blood. If that spirit existed then, certainly it is worse now; for that was more than fifty years ago.—Mrs. J. L. McDaniel, Mississippi.

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Lying About the Almighty

◆ The Catholic Lay Apostle Guild, Room 906, 154 Nassau street, New York, circulated a leaflet marked with the Imprimatur of Patrick Cardinal Hayes in which occur the following false statements:

Suppose you visit the President—and he refers you and the object of your visit to his secretary. You may not like this, but you have no recourse. So it is with confession of sins to a priest. We may prefer to go direct to God Himself; however, He has referred us to His representatives on earth, and whether we like it or not, we must go to them.

Maybe you already know that prayers may be offered to Jehovah God, the great Creator, direct, but you might like to have a few scriptures, His own word, on the subject, so here are just a few:

"Pray to thy Father which is in secret."—Matthew 6:6.

"Let your requests be made known unto God."—Philippians 4:6.

"Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you."—John 16:23.

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."—James 4:8.

The approach to God is in His appointed way, through 'the only name given under heaven or among men'. (Acts 4:12) Prayers offered through priests, Marys, "saints" and other persons are not heard at all and are worse than wasted breath.

On the Very Day

◆ On the very day when the pope announced he had made J. Pierpont Morgan and Thomas W. Lamont Knights of St. Gregory the Great, the brokerage firm of Richard Whitney & Company (Whitney's brother is a member of the Morgan firm) was suspended from the New York Stock Exchange and promptly went into bankruptcy. Has all the earmarks of a Papal blessing.

The Paulist Fathers

◆ They (the Paulist Fathers) have not sought to make the Church American, but they have striven with might and main to make America Catholic.—Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, in a sermon in San Francisco.

Catholic Cadets at West Point

◆ Of the 1,960 cadets in training at West Point 413 are Roman Catholics. This is 21 percent, and is about the proportion of Catholics to the whole population of the country; a little more, but not greatly different.

Thirteen Bottles of Liquor

◆ *La Presse*, Montreal, contains a picture of thirteen dignitaries of the Church of Rome, each with a bottle of liquor in front of him. One of the thirteen, "l'hon Fernand Rinfret, secrétaire d'Etat," has the discolored proboscis and closed eyes that indicate he had already had one bottle and was well stewed. The occasion of the hilarity of the thirteen gentlemen was "Aux fêtes Jubilaires de Saint-Jean-Baptiste". So far, so good. But the editor of *La Presse* is a clever wag; for, without saying why he did it, next to this four-column cut was a four-column story entitled "Lettre Pastorale Collective. De Son Eminence le Cardinal Archevêque de Québec et de Leurs Excellences les Archevêques et Evêques de la province civile de Québec: Sur la Tempérance". The pastoral letter is a stirring appeal to the people of Quebec against intemperance. In the statistics it shows that in the fifteen years from 1922 to 1937 the bill of the province of Quebec for liquor was \$700,000,000.

French Canadians and Fascism

◆ You appear to be surprised when I say the sympathies of the French-Canadian would be with Italy in the event of a war between that country and England. I would ask you to remember that the great majority of French-Canadians are Roman Catholics, and that the pope is in Rome . . .

The French-Canadians don't want to go to war . . . If war happens—and the possibility it may seem more probable every day—and Italy is on one side and England on the other, the sympathy of the French-Canadians in Quebec will be on the side of Italy.

We French-Canadians are not Latins, but Normans, but we have become Latinized over a long period of years. The French-Canadians are Fascists by blood but not by name.

Now, the French-Canadians have always been under dictators. When they came over to this country they were under the power of Louis XIII. Then came Cardinal Richelieu—a dictator and a cardinal at the same time, which made him an absolute dictator with full authority over the Communists of that time.

And then came the seigniors, and finally the parish priests.



Take the padlock law, which has the backing of the clergy. Do the English in the province of Quebec or in Montreal city want it? No. Do the French-Canadians want it?

Yes.—Mayor Houde, of Montreal, Canada, in an address to the Y.M.C.A. of that city.

Rosenberg Denies Persecution



Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi ideological leader, in an address in Berlin, said the Roman Church enjoys more freedom in Germany than in many other states and that it is as Bismarck expressed it:

When these gentlemen cannot rule they begin crying immediately about persecution.

"America Is So Pious"

◆ The London *Catholic Herald* quotes the new pope as saying, "America is so Catholic, so pious" (like Frank Hague, Raskob, Martin T. Manton, *et al. ad infinitum*), and then the wag who sent the clipping on from London added "O yeah". He had probably been reading this magazine and learned something of just how pious America is. However, the half was never told; so if he wants to learn all, he must keep on reading.

Bingo Religious Swindle

◆ The reason why Bingo is such a favorite with the religious swindlers is that the takings are so good. At almost any other gambling game the customer has a chance of making something, but in Bingo the crooks that run the outfit always carry away a big profit.

I Wonder

◆ I wonder, if Jehovah's people took a tabulation of the number of ex-Catholics, if the quantity numbered might encourage those prisoners who, because of false fear, are reluctant to leave their [religious] "prison houses" and fearful of searching in another direction.—Fern Baker, California.

Religious Business Looking Up

◆ The Altoona *Register* (boiler-plate issue of the American Hierarchy) boasts that the archbishop of Munich, Cardinal Faulhaber, has in his seminary at Freising more candidates for the Roman Catholic priesthood than ever before.

But—

◆ A Catholic priest from Clovis, California, told one of the neighbors that he had two hundred church members, but only three families attend church.—D. Davidian, California.

(To be continued)

Illinois

All Things Considered

♦ The Supreme Court has now decided that the lower courts were correct when they said that school boards had the right to expel pupils who refused to salute the national flag when state laws required such a salute.

So here, I think, we have a situation worthy of Gilbert and Sullivan's attention.

The law says that I, as a small boy, must go to school. If I refuse to go to school the law sends officers after me, and after trial for truancy I can be forcibly committed to a school for truants.

There is no legal or social doubt about this. Education is compulsory throughout our land, and boys and girls must go to school whether they like it or not. If they try to stay away from school, and their parents connive with them in their truancy, the parents can be punished for contributing to the delinquency of their offspring.

The theory behind this is that an uneducated person is a liability to the state. We cannot afford to have people grow up without having been to school. This theory has been so widely accepted that the rare objector to it is considered quite definitely crazy.

Now, however, there arises a situation that the founders of compulsory education certainly never considered. Children appear who, because of an unpremeditated tangle of laws, are not only not required to attend school but are forbidden to do so. In my boyhood, anyone who wanted to go fishing instead of spending the day on a hardwood bench, doing readin', writin' 'n' 'rithmetic, had to have a note from his mother. Today, all he has to do is join Jehovah's witnesses or some other sect which considers saluting a flag

as akin to idol worship, and he won't be allowed in a school.

The thing is so mixed up that not even a decision of the Supreme Court can quite clarify it.

It is all very well to say that laws must be obeyed, and if the law, as it does in New York and elsewhere, says that school children must

salute the flag, then salute it they must. But what about the preservation of religious liberty? It may be argued that to require a member of Jehovah's witnesses to salute the flag is just as much an abrogation of religious freedom as to require a Roman Catholic to eat meat on Friday.

It would be simpler if these objectors to flag saluting had any objections to the social and political system that the flag symbolizes. Unfortunately, they have not. They are perfectly good Americans, just as patriotic as anybody, and, in a pinch, probably more dependable than most.

Their hostility is limited to a ritual that, for reasons understood only by themselves, they consider at variance with their creed.

In their efforts to find a punishment to fit the crime, the courts have got themselves into a worse muddle than the one from which they tried to emerge.

It should be said that this is one of the unsolved problems of democracy. It is easy to say that democracy guarantees liberty of conscience. Many of those who first peopled this continent came here in search of that very liberty. But has that liberty no limits? How far can conscience go before the state overrules it?

In the last war we did not have many conscientious objectors, but even the few we did have constituted a problem that we handled



Courage, men (?); we'll save America yet

in a way not altogether pleasant to remember. As a matter of fact, we didn't handle it at all in accordance with democratic theory. We handled it precisely as any totalitarian state would handle it. That is to say, when it came to the question of military service, we didn't merely limit the rights of conscience; we abolished them.

In the period since, war has been subjected to more detailed criticism than it was ever subjected to before. As a result, there is probably a much larger number of potential conscientious objectors than there were in 1917. Should there be another war, the problem of individual dissent would almost certainly be an acute one.

That, perhaps, is one of the reasons why one may be optimistic about the future. No ruler in the world, not even Hitler or Mussolini, can be quite sure how many of his people would prefer martyrdom to military service, or, having made a choice of arms, would stick to it.—Howard Vincent O'Brien, in the *Chicago Daily News*. Copyright, 1939, by The Chicago Daily News, Inc.

Hearst Still Shriveling



A Chicago dispatch shows that in one week William Randolph Hearst recently discharged 138 employees of his two Chicago papers. The American people are sick of his particular brand of patriotism, and may well be.

Sleeps with Eyes Wide Open

◆ As a result of an attack of measles Mary Ellen Reardon, a beautiful little two-year-old child in Chicago, has slept for more than two months with her eyes wide open. She has the appearance of being wide awake, but is sound asleep.

How Did It Happen?

◆ How did it happen that of the 12,000 persons arrested in Chicago in 1937 for gambling, 2 of them were fined? Illinois has a state law against gambling and the other 11,998 are no doubt equally guilty.

Best Kind of Celebration

◆ At Waukegan, Illinois, the president of the National Office Supply Company celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary with the company by sending each of the 120 employees a \$100 bill.

Radium Poisoning

◆ Twenty-four women received their death-blow working for the Radium Watch Dial Company in Illinois. Nine are already dead, and fifteen more are about to die. The most that any of these unfortunate women can receive for work that has ruined their lives is an equal share of the proceeds of a \$10,000 bond that the Watch Dial Company left with the Illinois Industrial Commission when it moved to New York.

Attaboy, Curtis!

◆ At Abraham Lincoln center, Chicago, Illinois, the "Reverend" Curtis W. Reese paid a fine of \$200 for his son, Curtis, Jr., so that the boy might not have to attend church every Sunday for a year. Tally one for the old man's common sense and paternal love, even though the judge on the bench was not exercising decent judicial discretion.

State in a Muddle

◆ Illinois is in a financial muddle, the total uncollected taxes from 1928 to 1937 running to nearly \$420,000,000, while a total of some 850,000 persons are on relief. Even the politicians now admit that they do not know what to do to bring the state back to normal industry and frugality in expenditures.

Robbed in the Cathedral

◆ Mrs. Elizabeth Foelders was robbed of six dollars while she knelt in prayer in the Holy Name Cathedral of Chicago to give thanks because she got a job. How much better it would have been if she had followed the Lord's instructions to do her praying in her own apartment! And how much safer!

A Dispatch from Chicago

◆ A dispatch from Chicago showed in two sentences the condition of things in this world when it said:

Extremely favorable wheat crop conditions prevail in North America. The shadow of the approaching harvest had a depressing effect on the market last week.

Dare Not Let the Truth Be Shown

◆ On the pretext that it would provoke hatred and bitterness toward Germany if a film showing Hitler's concentration camps were exhibited in Chicago, the police of that city forbade the showing of the moving picture entitled "Concentration Camp".

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South Atlantic States

What a Contrast!



What a great difference in a few hundred miles. In New York tractors are seen everywhere. On arriving in Beaufort, S.C., it is quite common to see a steer or a bull trotting along pulling a wagon. Most of the plowing is done with oxen and bulls. This being a group of islands, many strange sights greet the eye. "Whoopa," a colored boy yells, and if you investigate he is probably selling raw shrimp at 10c a quart. Strange fishing craft, both sail and motor, are to be seen. As those too high to go under the bridge come near, men turn a windlass; round and round they walk, and a drawbridge opens. Most people from elsewhere get quite fidgety as they wait in line. Why go to Europe?—L. C. Ross.

Hitlerian and Hierarchical Idiots

◆ It is the idiots that are constantly stirring up mob fury; but it is of prime importance that the idiots shall be protected, for if an idiot can be gagged, so can anybody. Human ingenuity has never been able to devise a system of guaranteeing freedom to the wise and honest except by guaranteeing freedom to all; and freedom for the wise is so supremely important that it is worth the price of making the silly free too.—Gerald W. Johnson, in Baltimore *Evening Sun*.

Tackled the Wrong Farmer

◆ At Glenville, West Virginia, a bull tackled William Powell, a 66-year-old farmer, knocked him down, and started to gore him to death. Powell did not see dying by that route, so he grabbed one horn and locked his legs around the bull's neck. With his loose hand he reached in his pocket, took out his knife and opened the big blade with his teeth. Then he severed the bull's windpipe, and the next day he and his family had fresh meat.

Poltergeist in Virginia

◆ A nine-year-old girl in St. Charles, Virginia, invited spirits to give her a big shake, and for thirty-five nights in a row she was shaken so that she was sore all over. Unconvinced investigators claim that the child brought about the peculiar movements by ability to make muscular contractions not generally found.

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Degenerate Descendants

◆ Jan Sibellius, Finnish composer, and Arturo Toscanini, conductor of an orchestra of international fame, regard Marian Anderson, Negro contralto, of Philadelphia, as one of the world's greatest singers. But because she was born with a skin slightly different in color (though probably finer in texture) than that of the D. A. R. that collection of supposed descendants of Revolutionists refused to let her sing in their auditorium in Washington, and the Washington school board, equally mean and foolish, refused permission for her to sing in a school auditorium. The Secretary of the Interior finally gave permission for Miss Anderson to sing from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, a fitting place. Mrs. Roosevelt resigned from the D. A. R., with all real Americans cheering her from the benches. Then rebel Americans with more sense than the defunct D. A. R. issued a call for the organization of a new group that would have the same initials but, it is hoped, a different mentality. In America, of all places, mere descent from this or that hero of the past means nothing.

Virginia

◆ The Catholic Information Society takes notice of the modern trend in religion, according to an advertisement in the Richmond *Times-Dispatch*:

A St. Christopher medal in a car can do a lot of good. Indirectly it can stop skids, blow-outs, or any other calamity, if one has faith in the prayers of a saint and appreciation of the fact that God can do anything He wants to.—*American Mercury*.

Military Training Causes Hysteria

◆ After military training at the New Hanover high school, Wilmington, N. C., more than a hundred students were treated for swooning and nervous hysteria. Five boys and 60 girls were made so ill from the combined heat and drill that they had to be sent home for the day.

Phosphates in North Carolina

◆ In the midst of disappointments about soil erosion, it comes as good news that a large deposit of phosphate rock has been discovered ten miles east of Clinton, North Carolina; and that means smiling fields for many.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

War Conditions

● The feeling of ease from a great fear of war which followed the Munich settlement last September soon passed away. Since then there has been a realization that peace in Europe and in Britain is impossible while Hitler and Mussolini are in control of Germany and Italy. The British premier got a heavy blow when he realized that Hitler had humbugged him—as many well understood was the case. After that came a swift change in Britain's policy towards the dangers which threatened the existence of Britain as a free country, and the disruption of what is called the British Empire. If war came it was plain that Britain would get severely wounded before it could defend itself, and there was a great cry for defensive preparation. A state of war really began to obtain. Money was freely spent. Then began a more active set of moves in the political game: pacts and agreements with European countries were sought and entered into. This meant preparation for offensive war, to go to the aid of those with whom pacts were made. More money; more preparation for war, and less of the idea of the self-defense of Britain. Hitler and his men then began the cry that Britain and France were trying to encircle Germany, and the cry has evidently been effective in Germany, setting the peoples of Germany in anger against Britain, and agitating for a war spirit, nation against nation. As all the world knows, Britain has been trying to get a pact with the mighty Russia, and a majority of the people of Britain see in that combination the only way of keeping Hitler and his war leaders from throwing Europe into the misery of a destructive general war and such as would make the last horror mild in comparison both in its sufferings and in its consequences. War preparation goes on apace. Britain is now spending at the rate of £2,000,000 a day in extra expenditure, or, including its ordinary costs, is spending at the rate of £4,000,000 a day, to compare with the £7,000,000 a day, the peak expenditure during the Great War.

The pact desired with Russia and which has

been under mutual consideration for three months did not mature. Russia wanted to make certain of its own interests, and there are many persons in the high places of politics in Britain who are adverse to any such arrangement with Russia, and who did what they could to prevent a military agreement—it is hinted that some in the very highest places do not want a British-Russian pact. Also it is certain that aversion to such agreement is so positive a feature of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy as to make it as certain that the Hierarchy was a controlling factor in the delay. Perhaps its influence is strongest of all.

That there are many Roman Catholics in Government offices in Whitehall is common knowledge, and some are in important places in the Foreign Office. These, it is said, do not disguise their opinion that Britain should not make an alliance with Russia. *Cavalcade* recently said, "Weight carried by Roman Catholic opinion in the Foreign Office was proved during the Spanish civil war: members of the Cabinet found themselves up a department brick wall of Catholic sympathy, and there is no doubt that during the present world trouble diplomats have at least partly interpreted policy from a religious standpoint." Hence the ten-year non-aggression pact between Hitler and Stalin came as a great shock.

Then there is a war of words, with the purpose of getting the democracies (Britain chiefly) into a "state of nerves". Dr. Joseph Goebbels, loudspeaker for Hitler, gets himself reported in the British newspapers, though his efforts do not create the "nervous state" intended. No doubt he is an annoyance, but his measure is taken, and his words are passed by with yesterday's news. But no one knows where next Hitler will throw his weight, with the result that a constant watchfulness is maintained, which may be illustrated by the fact that the anti-aircraft guns to protect London are manned and in readiness every minute of the twenty-four hours of the day. It cannot be said that the people of Britain are in any way fearful, but they readily submit to conditions which in time past could and would be agreed to only under actual war.

Recruiting for the forces is considered satisfactory, and at present there are no indications of further conscription: the 200,000 young men of the age of 20 years are registered. There is as yet no outcry among the "patriots" about conscientious objectors,

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though it is certain there would be were conscription more generally made law.

Big Business

● In the meantime Big Business is getting as much as it can out of the situation. The Government has announced its purpose to control profits in armaments and Government contracts; but apparently there are loopholes through which much profit can slip without coming under the Government's control. These huge sums of money which are being spent by the various governments mean much trading, and some are going to get what they can out of the trade. Moral and patriotic considerations are not supposed to enter into business transactions; what is legal is right. A note was made recently about a very large quantity of Japanese salmon which British merchants were contracting for. When the matter was raised in Parliament the responsible minister said the Government was not involved in the purchase—it would not do any such thing as buy Japanese salmon for food storage. But, it is said, the transaction has been completed. Moreover, another lot of £250,000 value is purchased and landed in Liverpool. The whole amount of over £2,000,000 will give the Japs so much British currency to enable them to carry on their "incident" with China, and to heap indignities on British subjects in the East, as well as to compete with the trade of Britain. It is said that the democracies of Britain and the Empire, the Dutch and America are supplying almost all the war necessities of Japan. Russia is the only nation that stands outside this trade; but Russian trade is under the control of its government, and Big Business has no chance there. It is said that the Japs label or print their tins so as to make them look like Canadian packing. This is artful of the Japs, but it suits the British importer very well; for what does he care if the purchasers are deceived, thinking they are buying Canadian packed fish.

Roman Catholic Militiamen

● The Roman Catholic *Universe* "understands that all Catholic seminary students in Britain of military age have registered for service". Of course, and, naturally, it adds, "and that Bishop Matthew, nominated by the cardinal archbishop, is now negotiating on behalf of the Hierarchy with the war office to decide the details of the students' service." Cardinal Hinsley has emphatically dissociated Catholics

from pacifists and conscientious objectors. Liberty such as is represented by these words is not allowed in the Roman Catholic system; but the Hierarchy will see that its students, obligated to it by vows, will be placed in such positions as will make for the increase of its interests.

The Bomb Outrages

● The dastardly acts of the Irish Republican army which have caused much destruction to property and some loss of life in England have at last compelled the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in England to declare its abhorrence of the wicked and wanton acts. Most of the perpetrators are members of the Catholic church, and faithful attenders at mass. For a time it appeared as if the Hierarchy intended to keep silent; but the association with the church was so openly known it had perforce to do something to save its face. After much destruction of property in England, openly avowed as the work of the Irish Republican army, the Government of Eire decreed the organization to be illegal in Ireland, and the Hierarchy in England told its priests to tell the worshipers that the church must not be considered as associated with the aims of these ruthless men. It might have done more to stop the outrages than appears to have been done. Many of the makers and planters of bombs and incendiary "toys" have been caught and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment; but there is an army yet at large, thought by some to be in the pay of Germany, but which they deny.

"Upon the Earth Distress of Nations"

● That the time and the events of which Jesus spoke are now come upon the earth is a thing well known to and understood by those who are "taught of the Lord", is part of their common knowledge, and is shared by those who are associated with the faithful disciples of Jesus, the Jonadab brethren, the "other sheep" of whom Jesus spoke. By His favor they readily read the "signs of the times" which God has given for their guidance. The signs are such as can be read in some measure by all who have some knowledge of the words of Jesus: they are God's warning to all who make profession of being Christians. But religionists are like the Jews of Jesus' day: they deride the message of the truth as the Jews derided Jesus, and they despise the messengers, the witnesses, as the Jews despised the

disciples of Jesus. They are the modern scribes and Pharisees. Jesus agreed that those scribes and Pharisees had some wisdom; they could, he said, read the day's weather signs, written in the heavens, plain to all who took notice. But there were other signs, signs of the times, which ought to have been observed, could be read as readily, but to which they gave no heed. These were the signs which accompanied His presence, and which told plainly that the prophecies had begun to be fulfilled. Those leaders of the people made a great show of their religious fidelity to the sacred writings, but, said Jesus, they only proved that they were the sons of their fathers who killed the prophets of God. They were as blind as their fathers and as stupid as they in their refusal to heed the words of warning and instruction which their God sent to them. The scribes and Pharisees who rejected the signs of the ministry of Jesus were blinded to plain facts, made blind by reason of the fact that they had dug themselves into a position which brought them honor among men. The honor and the service of God were sought and served only in lip-service and vain show.

The saying, "History repeats itself," is common, but there is a particular fulfillment in the repetition of the circumstances of the presence of Jesus at the first advent and those of His 'second coming'. The leaders and teachers of the "churches", wrongly and falsely so called, have agreed to accept and to teach things concerning the purposes of God which are absolutely contrary to the words of Jesus. Jesus very clearly and definitely told that He would come a second time: so plainly is this stated that no professed Christian has an alternative but must accept the fact of a second coming. But the churches have determined for themselves a coming very different in character and purpose, and foreign to anything that Jesus said of it, and His words are made void by them. In the early days of churches the Devil, the great enemy, began sowing his tares, and setting false teachers in the communities, and part of his sowing was to get the belief set that the second coming of the Lord would not be till the church had taught all the world the doctrines of Christ and had got the whole world into some sort of willing subjection under the direction of his representatives, the leaders of the churches. As the false church of Rome grew in power and influence this false teaching got fixed, and has completely dominated all the churches.

The so-called "Protestant" churches are Roman Catholic in this teaching as they are in the "orthodox" dogmas they hold.

By this idea, set, and persistently kept to the fore, the churches have made a place for themselves in the earth, and have claimed that they and their rule are the kingdom of heaven on earth. They have deceived the peoples who trust them and have given them support and obedience, and by this the leaders of the churches are counted amongst the world's wise and great men. The Roman Catholic church, under the control of its Hierarchy, through its hold on the minds and bodies of men, is become the greatest force in the earth.

All this was clearly before the eyes of the Lord Jesus when He spoke of His return. All His words relative thereto, and also those of the apostles who taught the church the mind of the Lord through the holy spirit, disclose that at His return there would be great profession of allegiance but such a lack of faith and reality that He would say to the many, "I never knew you" (Matthew 7:23); and He said, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8) At the present time Rome holds itself aloof from all other religious organizations. It has its set policy to pursue. It expects to ride the storms which threaten the disruption of the world. Its doctrines and dogmas are set and no criticisms are allowed to its members. Other sections of the religious "world" are in uncertainty, and much doubt. But none gives heed to the signs of the times; the most important to them is the witness which Jehovah God is giving through His witnesses to the fact that the Lord Jesus is now set on Jehovah's holy hill of Zion, and that the time of which He spoke and the corresponding events in the earth are here present.

The great outward sign for all to read is marked by Jesus' word, "upon the earth distress of nations," and 'men's hearts failing them for the things coming on the earth'. (Luke 21:25, 26) There are great multitudes of persons who pay no attention to what the clergy and the parsons say, but the 250 millions (and more) of the writings of Judge Rutherford, carried throughout the earth by Jehovah's witnesses, and the millions who have heard his voice by radio have had a witness given that they might read the signs of the times, take warning thereby, and save themselves from those things which must inevitably fall upon the false professors and the heedless.

On the Briny Deep

Last Deeds of a Tiger



Bound for a European zoo a tiger broke out of his cage on a liner from the Netherlands East Indies. He smelled food in the kitchen, went there, and clawed a Chinese cook to death. Crew and passengers started shooting at him, and he dived from the prow of the ship into the briny deep and disappeared from view.

New Fleet in the Making

◆ Uncle Sam has a new merchant marine fleet in the making, and that the new vessels have some possible use other than for merchandise is suggested by the fact that the Government contributed \$10,000,000 to help build them. American shipyards are busier now than at any other time since the World War, at which time Uncle Sam built immense numbers of ships with the distinct understanding that they would never be of the least use as merchant vessels.

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Ship Deliberately Sunk

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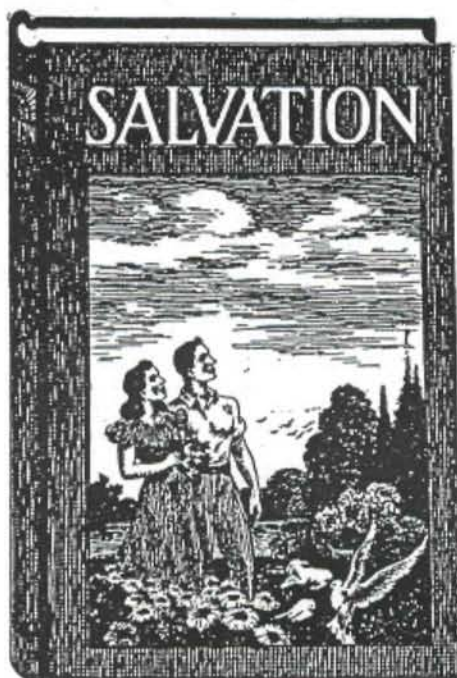
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The prim spinster was dining out, and while the waiter was standing by the table she asked him to find out the title of the piece the orchestra was playing.

Other duties claimed the waiter for a time, and when he returned the spinster had forgotten her request. To her confusion the waiter bent towards her and whispered: "What Can I Do to Make You Love Me?"—*Answers* magazine.

Freer's Fearful Phrases

If you think you can speak your native language well, just read the following words, commit them to memory, and then say them aloud three times in quick succession:

A school coal-scuttle: a scuttle of school coal.

He sniffs shop snuff. They sniff shop snuff.

A bloke's back brake-block broke.

Are you copper-bottoming them? No, I'm aluminuming 'em, mum.

Somewhat Behind

At one time, during a season of heavy fog, a London paper offered a prize for the best fog story. This won the prize:

A merchant received a telephone message one morning from one of his clerks. "Hello, Mr. Smith!" said the clerk. "I cannot come down to the shop this morning on account of the fog. I have not yet arrived home yesterday."

Needed Help

He was, in fact, the absent-minded professor, and he was strap-hanging in a trolley car. The other arm clasped half a dozen bundles. He swayed to and fro. Slowly his face took on a look of apprehension.

"Can I help you, sir?" asked the conductor.

"Yes," said the professor, with relief. "Hold on to this strap while I get my fare out."

And Fed Mother Cary's Chickens

Captain: "Have you cleared the decks and burnished the brass?"

Seaman: "Ay, ay, sir. And I've swept the horizon with a telescope."

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Smoke-Screen (In Two Parts—Part 1)

THE smoke-screen has been very effective in modern warfare. Many successful offensives have been executed under baffling clouds of vapor produced both on land and on sea to hide or camouflage the objective. The logic behind the use of this device or maneuver is simple, yet deadly: If you do not know where to shoot, defense is impossible. Of course, in the practices of war only partial deception by the smoke-screen was generally accomplished. But history furnishes abundant evidence that in many instances this gave victory to the offensive.

What is here given consideration is not the smoke barrage of military usage, but its counterpart in the news. Here its usage is similar, and often more deadly than bullets. Briefly, the purpose of what is termed the "smoke-screen" in the propagandized press is to cover up or conceal the real objectives of an organization or a movement. Its most devastating effect comes from its use in publications or newspapers considered by the public to be impartial; here it is a weapon of terrible viciousness, incalculable in its power to shield from view the group who employ it. Just as in its use in military strategy, before opponents have found exactly where to focus the counter-attack much of the damage has already been done.

Production of such newspaper fog for deceitful purposes has become a fine art on the part of certain propagandists of the world. The first requisite is the ability and willingness to lie; and the second is a medium accredited by the public which is to be bamboozled, a medium or news agency which is not likely to poke its nose where it ought not or make a genuine endeavor to uncover the facts. For the latter the American press answers the conditions admirably for the propagandist. As for the first requisite, mastery of lying, there is one institution which has a pre-eminent

record in this art of many centuries standing, namely, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. It follows, therefore, that in a study of this more or less modern use of deception, the champion liars should be considered first, and this in connection with the American and other press systems.

A few examples will perhaps clarify the usage of the term "smoke-screen" as applied to press accounts or the news. It has been circulated and repeated enough now to have wide credence in America that the Nazis are viciously persecuting the Catholics in Germany and Austria.* Without even considering the evidence these reports can be readily discredited by observing the absolute harmony between Franco, "the savior of the faith," Hitler, Mussolini and the pope. When the evidence is added to the examination, note that Catholic writers who have visited Germany and even Hitler himself, who is a devout Catholic, testify to the exact contrary. A photograph reproduced in *Consolation* No. 515 shows the German dictator coming out of a Catholic church, head bowed and hat in hand. But here lies the devastating effect of this type of smoke-screen: The people have already accepted the LIE that Catholics are persecuted in Germany, their minds are made up, with the result that denials of this absurdity receive scant consideration.

Here the Catholic Hierarchy's forces of propaganda have achieved a signal success.

* This lie is still repeated to this day although known to be a deliberate falsehood. Herbert Thurston, writing in the Jesuit organ, *The Catholic Mind*, issue of August 8, 1939, states: "Could anything be more preposterous than the idea that Hitler, for example, is acting in subservience to the Jesuits? He has suppressed their colleges, submitted their publications to a drastic censorship and is gradually driving them out of the Reich."—Ed. Could anything be more preposterous than the idea that Hitler the Catholic, and the ally of the pope, could be the enemy of the pope's secret service?

By similar methods they have prevented general exposure of the Papal alliances with the European totalitarian governments and Japan and the Papal responsibility for the Spanish, Ethiopian and Chinese carnage. Because of this SMOKE-SCREEN very few of those who are enemies of Fascism have ever directed their attack upon the chief malefactor, who resides at Vatican City, the PONTIFF of the ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY. The enemy did not know where to shoot!

Another use of the smoke-screen is the Hierarchy's production of what might be called "vaporings" against Coughlin. In order to bamboozle the people Cardinal Mundelein has uttered condemnations of Coughlin and his "rabble-rousing" anti-Semitism; *The Voice*, Catholic oracle of the diocese of Brooklyn, headlines a rebuke of race hatred and anti-Semitism; "Art Kuhl," writing in two Catholic papers, the *Detroit Sunday Visitor* and the *Huntington (Ind.) Visitor*, dated June 18 and June 25, declares that Catholics are wrong to interfere with freedom of speech, the last article appearing on the very day the Coughlinites raided the great assembly at Madison Square Garden. All of this is very confusing to the people. They do not know for sure whether the Catholic Church is for or against "the Coughlin terror". Neither the leaders of the liberty-loving Americans nor of the Jews realize that the DANGER lies not in Coughlin the man, but in the mighty organization of Catholic Action, whose slogan, according to Priest O'Brien, is "We are ready prepared for 1940!"

Perhaps these charges demand a little further proof. In *The Nation*, New York City, issue of July 22, 1939, appears an illuminating exposé of what is entitled "The Coughlin Terror". This article is recommended to all who love America as "the land of the free and the home of the brave". Therein is charged that in the New York police force has been developed and promoted by organizers a strong membership of Coughlin agents whose number is variously estimated up to 6,000; that these police fraternize with the *Social Justice* salesmen and other Coughlinites and protect them in their assaults against opposing groups and individuals. Mayor La Guardia was so stung by this article and an editorial in the same issue calling for action on the part of "La Guardia's Police" that he answered by an angry denial carried in the *Times* of July 21.

At the time of this denial the mayor had been endeavoring to ignore the circulation of a million *Kingdom News* by Jehovah's witnesses which contained a letter to himself calling his attention to the laxity of the police in permitting an attempt to break up their Madison Square Garden assembly of June 25. It was noted in this issue of *Kingdom News* that when a Coughlinite attacked law-abiding ushers at this Garden the action of the police was to arrest the ushers, three of whom, while endeavoring to preserve order, were arrested and are now under indictment, while all the Coughlinite disturbers are free. Hence there are many people now who find this mere denial by La Guardia slightly insufficient. But to others it acts as further fog in the smoke-screen hiding the fact that the HIERARCHY is backing up and promoting Coughlin's "rabble-rousing".

A little reflection on the history of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy furnishes more light on the subject. First, as a general rule and for many centuries they have constantly persecuted the Jews. This sudden change as noted in their attitude towards Coughlin and anti-Semitism is at once open to suspicion. As for favoring freedom of speech, this brings a harsh laugh from any student of the Papacy. Letters received from Coughlinites claim that Archbishop Spellman is solidly behind the movement, and this is corroborated by the fact that the Coughlin movement is recruited almost entirely from the Catholic population. Coughlin's printed address bears the imprimatur of the archbishop of Detroit. It is therefore at once CLEAR that the purpose of anti-Coughlin pronouncements by Catholic prelates is to cloud the issue, to furnish a SMOKE-SCREEN to hide their promotion of Coughlin.

In small things this fact is easily disclosed. The press dispatches have generally referred to the Madison Square Garden disturbance as caused by references to "Coughlin and the Catholic Church". The recording of the speech shows otherwise. No reference was made to "Father" Coughlin in the hour's-length speech anywhere. The concerted booing came at the flash of lights just when reference was made to Hitler and Franco and their "robbing Jews", and this booing was accompanied by cries of "Heil Hitler", "Viva Franco," and "Kill Rutherford". Many shook crucifixes. Both from letters complaining of mistreatment of Catholics at the Garden and because of the close alliance between Hitler, Franco

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and the supreme pontiff of the Catholics it is clear that the Coughlinites are merely special agents of Rome. And it is equally clear that their sympathies are not with the American Democracy even though they carried American flags; that they do not favor free speech, which has been their excuse for picketing WMCA and from which they had just departed to go "break up the Garden lecture"; and that their real sympathies are with the pope and his allies Hitler and Franco.

Suppose, for the sake of argument, that Coughlin and his organization are not the agent of the pope. That would mean that Coughlin is acting contrary to the pope's orders. Is this reasonable? Does anyone who knows the power of the Hierarchy think for a moment that their chief executive could not stop one of their lieutenants who was insubordinate? Does the general have to plead with the corporal? Does a single Catholic or anyone else imagine that the "Supreme Pontiff", who dictates the policies of Europe and whose power has unnerved the American Press and radio, could not prevent a mere priest from attacking the Jews or anybody else, if he WISHED to do so? An organization which has been accustomed to use rack and torture chamber and which now uses the concentration camp and the firing squad over most of Europe is not likely to dismiss an opponent with mere reprimand, especially a priest who could be so easily dealt with.

Therefore criticism of Coughlin *within the Church* by his colleagues is another use of the smoke-screen to conceal his direct connection with the Vatican. To have, then, the right picture in mind one must not think of a lone demagogue inciting a wretched element of the populace; but it is necessary to see this or-

ganizer as the HIERARCHY'S Coughlin doing the will of Rome!

Communism

Another bogey used to scare the unintelligent and at the same time have excuse to persecute and kill anti-Catholics is the slogan "Save the world from Communism". Franco killed hundreds of thousands of Catholics in Spain "saving Spain from Communism", and, of course, incidentally re-establishing the Hierarchy church in despotic power, that tyrannical power which had impoverished the common people for generations and kept the Catholic grandees in the saddle. Franco is still, according to press accounts, "saving Spain from Communism" by means of an average of one murderous execution every nine minutes.

G. E. R. Gedye states in his book *Fallen Bastions* that Communism had no power in Germany when Hitler took over; no resistance at all was offered to the Nazi rule. As a correspondent for many years in Austria he

demonstrates that the Socialist party of that country was a small factor and very peace-loving. Pierre van Paassen, in his disclosures concerning European events, entitled "Days of Our Years", shows that there was no danger from Communism in Spain and that the Loyalist party was the electorate of the people, an essentially Catholic people, determined to relieve the misery of the masses by confiscation of the vast estates of the Catholic Church and of the nobility generally known as "grandees". McGovern, Catholic member of Parliament from Glasgow, corroborated these facts by a personal visit to Spain; and when, in the interests of Spanish Catholics, he publicly protested the soliciting of funds in England and Scotland for the rebel Franco, he was ostracized.



Helping them over the rough spots

cized from the Catholic church. Two days before the Franco rebellion Mussolini, according to Van Paassen, was dropping bombs on Spanish soil. From whom did he receive his orders? The POPE, of course.

The "Communism" bogey is used worldwide as excuse to subdue opponents of the Hierarchy. The padlock law of Canada is an example. This law, designed, it is claimed, to prevent Communist meetings by padlocking the homes of avowed Communists, is a powerful weapon to reduce the Hierarchy's opponents to submission. Where there has not been enough Communism to furnish excuse for such highhanded methods the Hierarchy has organized the "Communist" smoke-screen. A press dispatch quoted around the world on September 11, 1938, and never denied by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, describes an open gesture of friendship between the pope and the Communist party. Of course, an effort was made to limit the publication to such European countries where it might not spoil the effect of the BOGEY in America and elsewhere.

Now, with true Hitlerian strategy, the Coughlin Nazi party in America lumps Jews, Jehovah's witnesses and all others who stand in the way of Catholic Action in America together as Communists. It has been suggested by the Brooklyn *Tablet*, Coughlin organ, that the speech of Judge Rutherford which has been referred to in connection with the Garden disturbance, and which was devoted exclusively to Bible prophecy and its present-day fulfillment, is "Communism in another dress". Not daring to make this statement directly, they published it in the form of a letter supposedly written to the paper, but more probably devised in their composing room.

The brilliant but hypocritical Edward Lodge Curran, president of the "International Catholic Truth Society", speaking for Coughlin on July 23 over radio network, stated that Coughlin was not anti-Semitic and that he was merely anti-Communist, and praised Coughlin's stand for freedom of speech and Americanism. On July 9, as reported by many who heard his speech, but which statements he carefully left out of his manuscript, "Father" Coughlin stated that Jehovah's witnesses were against everything, and if Americans would awake they could destroy them in a day. No doubt just prior to the proposed slaughter all Jehovah's witnesses would be put in the Communist pen with Jews and any others who had displeased the Roman Catholic

Hierarchy. Coughlin is only against Communists, and therefore all those to be destroyed must be labeled "Communist"!

Curran is president of "Catholic Truth". He favors Catholic freedom of speech, and when he says that Coughlin favors freedom of speech he must not be misunderstood to mean "freedom of speech for all" which the constitution guarantees. He had no criticism to offer about the action of Coughlin's followers for marching en masse from picketing WMCA in protest for free speech direct to Madison Square Garden with orders from the leader to break up the meeting as they have done in so many other cases. It could hardly be expected that Curran would disapprove, though, as he spent a good deal of his best energies a few years ago in an effort to have the license of radio station WBBR revoked because its facilities were used to expose the Catholic religious racket. WBBR is owned by the WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY, of which Judge Rutherford, the speaker at the Garden, is president. Now the honored Curran's words can be understood: Freedom of speech only for those who say what the honored Curran wishes to be said, which is what the Hierarchy wishes to be said. All others are "Communists".

Instructions to Coughlin picketers favor the carrying of the American flag. In their demonstrations on Broadway the picture of their leader is often followed by the American flag. Several of the ruffians at Madison Square Garden on the 25th of June carried small flags. At first it seems strange that hoodlums shrieking for Hitler and Franco and while engaged in an attempt to break up a lawful assembly should apparently display such fervent patriotism. But remember that no lie or deception is too mean for use in the smoke-screen which attempts to hide the most un-American of treacheries, the selling of America to a Nazi priest who recognizes no head except the Vatican!

Hierarchy Admits Fascist Alliance

Now that the Hierarchy considers that it has a throttle grip on the governments of the world, it brazenly declares its alliance with Fascists and totalitarian powers. The smoke-screen has about accomplished its results. Why keep up the deception? If any doubt, let this doubt be dispelled by the plain statements from their own press. The Bellarmine Society, Heythrop College, England, in a publication

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entitled "Judge Rutherford and the Witnesses of Jehovah", released in April, 1939, made the significant admission: "Many non-Catholics would agree with Rutherford on a number of points, and even some Catholics who have succumbed to Left-wing propaganda, will agree that he [Judge Rutherford] is not far wrong in saying that the Church is in alliance with Fascism. Criticisms of Rutherford, therefore, have to be so expressed that no handle is given to Communists, etc. For Communists would be quite ready to ignore, for the moment, the fact that Rutherford regards Communism itself as a child of the Devil. . . . However, if these difficulties are kept well in mind, good work can be done by showing up Rutherford's fundamental opposition to religion and constituted authority."

This quotation is a plain admission that they have lied in calling Jehovah's witnesses Communists and that they have lied in denying their affiliation with the totalitarian governments. Note further statements from the *Catholic Herald*, London:

Hope for Fascism. Here we have a new movement still in process of development and amenable to friendly contacts, with a social programme already containing so many reforms advocated by the social encyclicals (of the popes) that its platform may be said to consist very largely of Catholic planks. . . . British-Fascism stands for the Corporate State, the social-economic system favoured by Catholic Austria, Catholic Italy, Catholic Portugal and Catholic Spain. . . . Furthermore, through a reformed upper house, British Fascism invites the official co-operation of the Catholic Church to the end that the government may have guidance in this very matter.

Also we quote from the *Catholic Herald* of May 12, 1939:

Action! Action! Action! There is a growing sense that Catholicity in Great Britain is on the eve of great happenings.

In this connection it is interesting to note that Franz von Papen, German statesman and the Catholic instrumental in both the signing of the Concordat between Hitler and the pope and manipulating the later rape of Austria, stated in *Der Völkischer Beobachter*, January 14, 1934:

The Third Reich is the first power which not only recognizes, but which puts in practice the high principles of the Papacy.

Fascism is the instrument for Papal aggressions. Why? One interesting explanation of this Papal method is contained in this summary of Rome's alliance with Franco and

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the proposed purpose. Writes Van Paassen*:

There should have been no surprise, therefore, when the Vatican took the side of Franco in the civil war in Spain. Franco attacked the emerging democratic régime with the aid of the Fascists of Germany and Italy and with the intention of turning Spain into a totalitarian state with a totalitarian religion. For today Rome considers the Fascists régime the nearest to its dogmas and interests.

Coughlin is in full accord with this view. And why not? The policies of the corporate or totalitarian states emanate from and are dictated by Rome. Her objective is world rulership. The Scriptures disclose that in this she will succeed for a time.

A press dispatch of June 7, 1939, throws considerable light on the use of the smoke-screen and the utter faithlessness of the propagandist, and this in connection with Bolshevism or Communism. This was Hitler's "victory parade speech" celebrating the return of the Condor Legion of 15,000 Germans who had their share in the Franco butchery. The *New York Times* carried this account under the headlines: "Hitler Hails Deeds of His Men in Spain as Lesson to Foes"; "Admits He Sent Troops"; "'Christian Democracies,' not Bolshevism, Are Targets in Victory Parade Speech." Now that Spain lay prostrate in its own blood, disguise was no longer necessary. A few quotations further elucidate how the world was fooled:

BERLIN, June 6.—Simultaneously with her ally, Italy, Greater Germany today formally celebrated the conclusion of her successful intervention in Spain, when the Condor Legion, some 15,000 strong, held its victory parade before Chancellor Adolf Hitler. . . .

Dispatched secretly to fight under the camouflage of Spanish uniforms, and long publicly denied by its own government, the legion was at last able today to pass openly in pride of victory under the eyes of its own Fuehrer. . . .

HITLER REVEALS ORDER

In his speech Herr Hitler publicly proclaimed what for three years the whole German propaganda apparatus had vehemently denied, namely, that he himself had given the order sending the legion to Spain.

[Declaring that Generalissimo Francisco Franco "was facing a conspiracy that was fed from all parts of the world", Herr Hitler, according to The Associated Press, added: "In July, 1936, I decided immediately to fulfill an appeal for help that this man ad-

* *Days of Our Years*, page 465. A footnote on this page states: "Bernanos relates that in the Balearic Islands the clergy, with the help of the insurgent military, forced backsliders into the confessionals on pain of death." These islands are Mediterranean possessions of Spain.

dressed to me to such an extent and for just as long as the rest of the world gave its support to the internal enemies of Spain.”]

But whereas the legion was assembled and dispatched under the slogan, “War against Bolshevism,” it now learns from Herr Hitler’s speech on its return that Bolshevism is no longer mentioned as the enemy, but rather the “Christian democracies” generally, and Great Britain particularly.

Fight “in Franco’s Way”—Coughlin

Coughlin has the absolute backing of the Vatican. When America’s liberties lie under the heel of Rome, together with the corpses of those who have opposed the Hierarchy, no doubt the pope will thank Coughlin as he has recently thanked Franco, and, the carnage having accomplished its results, he will again declare himself unalterably in favor of peace. That is how the smoke-screen worked in Spain’s case, and America is the next sheep headed for the ax. The signs are unmistakable. So, when Coughlin stated in his speech of July 30 that his “Christian Front” was ready to fight Communism “in Franco’s way if necessary”, he meant this: “The pope and all the totalitarian countries are with us. America hasn’t got a chance, and we are going to take it and make it subject to the Vatican by killing everybody that gets in our way, just as Franco did. We will be the judges just as Franco was as to how many thousands need to be killed. All those we kill we will call Communists.” Instead of being an exaggeration, this is really an understatement of what Franco did; and, according to Coughlin, that is exactly the pope’s design for these United States of America.

“Pope of Peace”

Some amazing examples of lying in official circles have hitherto been examined. But for barefaced, shameless hypocrisy the following Associated Press dispatch from the “Supreme Pontiff” should be given a superior position:

VATICAN CITY, March 17 [1939]. Pope Pius XII adopted his court of arms today. The seal bears the traditional tiara and crossed keys under which is a dove bearing an olive branch, imposed on a background of sky, earth and water. The meaning is peace on land, sea and in the air.

Even Catholics who take this falsehood to be infallible truth must agree that, with great opportunities, the pope has not achieved any tangible results for peace. He was silent when the Clerico-Fascists, the pope’s party in Austria before the Nazis took over, were destroying workers’ homes in February, 1934. These

homes were destroyed by howitzers or trench mortars while they were packed with men, women and children. It was not time to speak of peace while Ethiopia and China were being desolated by his allies. Nor could he afford to prevent Franco from his work of “Defender of the Faith”, whose conversions to Catholicism were achieved by the machine gun. How fittingly descriptive of the Papal pronouncement are the words of Jeremiah 6:14: “Saying, Peace, peace: when there is no peace.”

“Franco’s Way”

Outside of destroying the lives of hundreds of thousands of Catholics and others, what did Franco achieve? Was it the freedom which Coughlin demands? Certainly not. The most uninformed know that he brought back the official Catholic religion to the prostrate country and wiped out all freedom under a dictatorship sponsored by the pope. Note the definition of *Fascism* by G. E. R. Gedye in his excellent commentary on European conditions: “FALLEN BASTIONS”: “FASCISM is the international form which reactionary capitalism [in Spain the Roman Catholic Church and the Catholic nobility were the great capitalists] has employed everywhere when it proved impossible to deprive the masses, by other means, of power which they legally obtained at parliamentary elections.” Here is an Englishman writing in Austria who exactly corroborates the words of a Dutchman writing in Spain. One paragraph by Pierre van Paassen in his heart-rending description of the poverty which the Government attempted to alleviate and in which attempt they were countered by Franco’s Papal rebellion is unforgettable*:

I have seen religious processions in 1931, one in Seville and one in Saragossa, still another in Caceres, a small town where there were thirty-eight monasteries, the one standing next to the other in an endless row like the cathedrals in the Kremlin of Moscow, processions carrying a golden-diademed statue of the Virgin which was literally buried under jewels, diamonds, rubies, smaragds and other precious stones, including decorations and stars of the kind worn by victorious generals and diplomats on their gala uniforms. Priests in golden vestments walked under baldachins [canopies] of purple and damask, swinging censers of silver and filigree, preceded by banners of silk and jewel-studded croziers, surrounded by lace-wearing acolytes [attendants], train bearers and boys in violet soutanes [robes] carrying glittering boxes

* *Days of Our Years*, page 425.

containing relics, followed by a monstrance [receptacle for displaying the host] of a value of three million pesetas [more than half a million dollars] that burst upon the eye like a cluster of diamonds. And looking on, pouring from the putrid alleys of the Triana quarter in Seville, and saluting the Real Presence by dropping on their knees, I have seen hollow-cheeked, ragged, barefooted Magdalenes, the disheveled women, the unkempt hungry children, the very flesh and blood of Jesus.

Tourists' agencies did not lead their clientele to the Triana, to the so-called "Chinese City" in Barcelona, or to the even more evil slums of Madrid, Murcia and Granada.

Consider his further descriptions of conditions in the rurals which were owned in feudal tyranny by the Hierarchy's church and grandees or Catholic nobility. The great citrus-growing of Spain was in complete control of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy's church. Says Van Paassen*:

I visited orange plantations in May, 1936, in Andalusia where pickers received four pesetas [about 50 cents] a day for sixteen hours' work. On one property a strike was in progress because a quarter peseta was being deducted from the daily wage for the water taken at mealtime from the owner's well. Yet in Seville, the directors of the Citrus trust, of which the [Catholic] Church was the richest and most influential member, cried out that "the Bolsheviks" were filling the heads of the people with outrageous ideas. The civil guard shot down the strikers as if they were cattle.

Van Paassen's description of conditions on the landed estates reminds one of feudal and medieval history**:

The peasants were not allowed on these rich estates. Armed guards were posted all along the roads and in the woods, ready to spring into action if the hungry and poverty-stricken masses should make an attempt to occupy the seigneurial farms. Even the gathering of chestnuts and acorns on the properties of the nobles and abbots was forbidden, as it had been since time immemorial. Caught in the act of snaring a rabbit or a squirrel or picking off a crow, the "poachers" were shot down without mercy. This had been the law of the land for ages. The Republic [which has now been crushed by Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and the pope while the rest of Europe hid under the bed in terror] could not change this overnight. For the seigneurs still had too many friends in the Cortes of 1934, dominated as it was by Lerroux and Gil Robles.

There were no schools in Las Hordas [near Madrid], except a room adjoining the village churches [Catholic] where children were taught prayers and catechism. Ninety percent of the

* *Days of Our Years*, page 428.

** Same, page 426.

adults were illiterate. I heard there the story of two Socialist doctors, the only medical men in fifty years to have come to settle and practice in an area of more than a hundred square miles inhabited by half a million people. These two medical practitioners had been driven out by the Civil Guards upon a denunciation by the [Catholic] clergy that they were advocating birth control. They probably were, considering the fact that in spite of the injunction to be fruitful and multiply it was difficult to see how the people of Las Hordas could be driven still deeper into shame and human degradation by having more children. These people literally possessed nothing except a profound respect for what General Franco was to call the "traditional morality". For although the seigneurial estates which could have given them bread were not even exploited agriculturally, but merely kept as hunting domains, these starvelings would humbly apply for work to the major-domos, who had been left in charge. They were refused. Even the great hunting parties at which the peasants were engaged as beaters had been suspended in 1934. The seigneurs were in Paris, in Fontainebleau, where Victoria Ena had set up her court, or in Deauville and Biarritz following Alfonso around the cocktail bars. No work of any kind was to be provided as long as a "Red" government (the agrarian-Fascist government of Gil Robles) remained in power in Madrid.

It was in this section, relatively close to the nation's capital, that Alfonso, the year before his abdication, found the people living on roots and herbs.

Popular Front

This was before 1936. In that year the Republic elected the Popular Front to office. And here lies the real cause of Franco's rebellion. The Popular Front applied "the only measure that could have brought alleviation: confiscation of the feudal estates and their division amongst the peasants". As the priests still supported the feudal régime and were a part of this régime which the people had voted out, some few of them felt the people's ire when they attempted to stop the process of liberation. In Robledillo the estate of a grandee was seized and the major-domo met the people who had a right to it with a salvo of bullets. Several peasants were killed, but that night the chateau was burned, and the defenders, including the village priest, were disemboweled with pitchforks.

In another instance a corporal of the Popular Front desired a civil wedding, which the law provided for but which was never the custom in the rurals, the priests always officiating. His friends and relatives tried to dis-

suade him, but at last the ceremony was arranged for. On the day of the wedding the priest appeared at the town hall and said that the young man's prospective bride would be the same as a prostitute if "she married without the rites of the church". The corporal beat up the priest, but was imprisoned. The people set him free and burned up the vicarage and the church. Many in a battle that followed lost their lives, on both sides.*

"The government of the *Frente Popular*, which had come to power in a legitimate constitutional manner, as the results of elections held under the auspices of the preceding reactionary government of Señor Gil Robles, represented the very opposite of a dictatorship."**

Now this meant that the people by their vote had duly kicked out the church and the nobles as property owners and this had been done by an essentially Catholic nation. Now was the time when the Roman Catholic Hierarchy must needs use Fascism to reverse the adverse judgment which the "Church" had received at the polls. Note that Fascism is the tyrannical opposite of freedom, "the international form which reactionary capitalism" customarily uses when it is unable to control the masses otherwise. Fascism is also the pope's weapon; and realizing that rich investments were to be lost in a country which the "Church" had impoverished for centuries, the Franco rebellion was plotted and carried out. Hitler and Mussolini were commanded to give aid, and other countries, by adroit diplomacy, were kept hands off. The result is that Spain has been returned to the Catholic Hierarchy serfdom which the Popular Front valiantly resisted. Spain is a shambles, and the Inquisition is drinking Spanish blood at the rate of one "heretic" killed every nine minutes.

In the nature of things most of those slain in Franco's tribunals are Catholics, but they are Catholics whom the pope does not like. They were Popular Frontists who preferred that the Church of Rome be deprived of some of her riches that their friends, the masses and the peasants, might not starve to death. So Fascism was invoked so that these "Bolsheviks" could be eliminated and Catholic Action beat another republic into submission at the cost of hundreds of thousands of lives. That is Franco's way, which is the pope's way.

* These incidents are paraphrased from *Days of Our Years*, pages 430, 431.

** Same, page 431.

The Pope's Coughlin

It seems appropriate now to consider the Hierarchy's American agent, "Father" Coughlin, since he has declared his intention to fight in "Franco's way". The following press dispatch carried by the Cincinnati *Enquirer* has this to say about the priest's July 30 broadcast:

Monday, July 31, 1939.

COUGHLIN SAYS U. S. GROUP READY
TO FIGHT 'FRANCO WAY'

WARNS UNITS BEING FORMED
TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

By the United Press.

DETROIT, July 31.—The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin in his regular Sunday address warned that a Christian front in the United States is ready to combat Communism "in Franco's way if necessary".

Father Coughlin said it was the Christian front that composed the Nationalist forces of Gen. Francisco Franco in the Spanish war.

Addressing the "popular front," Father Coughlin asked:

"Do you want history to repeat itself in America or are you ready to retreat and admit that you and your breed have no place beneath the Stars and Stripes?"

"If you persist in carrying on your fight by denying us liberty of speech, liberty of press and, consequently, liberty in politics, we will fight you in Franco's way if necessary."

It is also reported by this paper that Coughlin, on September 24, 1936, used these words in an address at Crosley Field before National Union for Social Justice supporters:

"When the time comes in 1940, when there is one party and a dictatorship, I shall be the first to ask you to put aside your ballots and use bullets."

Der Tog (The Day) as being in 1940 was some time ago spoken of by Priest O'Brien as reported in the Philadelphia *L'Aurora*. In "The Coughlin Terror", an article above referred to, of the July 22, 1939, issue of *The Nation*, a New York policeman said the Christian Front was waiting for the Day. It is no doubt the same Day which the Gold Shirts, Mexican Fascists under the schismatic pope of Mexico, Eduardo I, is plotting as reported by *New Masses*, issue of August 1, 1939. Americans may smile complacently at the thought of America becoming Fascist, but in this they err. The Hierarchy is desperately determined to control the world, and the submission of the United States is required.

Mind you, now, what Coughlin demands: freedom political and religious, privileges that the democracy has accorded him in abundance;

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yet he froths at the mouth demanding more, that he might wreck these privileges as Franco has done in Spain. Here is the spectacle of a Canadian priest, in the employ of the most undemocratic institution under the sun, which is headed by an Italian dictator, howling for more freedom in the United States that he might destroy the nation which has been his benefactor. He demands freedom for his party, that he might destroy this for others. He charges that the "popular front" is Communistic, which is exactly in line with Franco's attack on the Frente Popular except that in America there is neither "popular front" nor Communism. His purpose is to convince the people that there is an enemy in their midst, then start shooting; and if, when the bodies are picked up and are found to be all anti-Papists, what matter? The victory will be achieved. It will only be necessary then to have the pope congratulate and honor him as a "defender of the faith", have the Inquisition invoked, and the Franco cycle is complete.

Here is plain evidence that the priesthood warps the mind so that no inequality or tyranny seems unreasonable. Let the nation take warning that when an agent of the Vatican demands more freedom in order to build up a party to reduce to ashes all the hard-earned liberties bought by the blood of our forefathers he should be treated as a common enemy. Neither the Roman Catholic Hierarchy nor any of its representatives has any business in a democracy; and every self-governing republic that has nurtured or even tolerated them has had ample cause to regret. Of this the pages of history, some but recently written, as in Spain, record bloody and abundant proof.

Coughlin the Gangster

The following estimate of Coughlin's character is furnished by *Propaganda Analysis*, June 1 (1939) issue, in an article entitled "Father Coughlin: Priest and Politician":

Does Father Coughlin aspire to become "the American Hitler"? Nobody but Father Coughlin himself can say. Certainly the man is ambitious. He admits that. He is likewise ruthless. "If I threw away and renounced my faith, I would surround myself with the most adroit highjackers, learn every trick of the highest bank and stock manipulations, avail myself of the laws under which to hide my own crimes, create a smoke-screen to throw into the eyes of men, and—believe me—I would become the world's champion crook," he once wrote. The Constitution of the United States bars

him from ever becoming president: he was not born in the United States, and there is doubt about his citizenship. Lack of citizenship didn't prevent Adolf Hitler from becoming ruler of Germany, however. Adolf simply tore up the German Constitution, and wrote another more to his liking."

The same article revealed that while Coughlin was denouncing Wall Street as the "international banker" he was himself a speculator in the stock market; and while calling for the "restoration of silver" as a "Christian concern" he held through his secretary more silver than anyone else in Michigan, a half million ounces.

Russian Bear Fable

Other themes may vary, but Coughlin's constant cry is against Communism. In this he follows the orders of Rome. If the Hierarchy were really sincere in their desire to stamp out Communism, why shouldn't they cease bothering with the little sputterings in America and elsewhere direct their attack on Russia? It appears reasonable that the place to fight this "menace" would be at its acknowledged source. With the Rome-Berlin axis solidly behind the pope, Japan squeezing from Russia's Mongolian frontier, France and England apathetic, no trouble could have been caused Papal armies in taking over the U.S.S.R. Hitler, next door, never bothers about the "menace" of the Soviet. He is too busy shouting about the abuse of Germans in some country he intends to steal for the Hierarchy. As stated before, the pontiff addressed words of comfort to the Communists in 1938; while Molotoff, premier-foreign minister of Russia, rejected an Anglo-French alliance publicly, May 31, 1939, and, later, signed a non-aggression pact with Germany. Russia is plainly lined up with the other totalitarians. Nor can Rome afford to destroy Russia as long as the Communist "boogerman" story is to be used. All enemies that are to be destroyed must be made to appear to be "Reds" nurtured by the menace of "Red Russia". How can they do this if there "ain't no" Red Russia? They are about as much afraid of the big bad bear as a fish is of drowning. But the fable is not a bedtime story. It covers up some of the bloodiest treachery since the Huguenot Massacre by the Catholic De Medici.

The Conflagration Ahead

The cries of "Heil Hitler" and "Viva Franco" by the hoodlums of Coughlin who at-

tempted to break up a lawful assembly at Madison Square Garden betoken ill for America. Franco has already enough friends in official circles to obtain a \$15,000,000 loan from the United States Treasury for Fascist Spain, according to *The Nation*, issue of July 22, 1939. Perhaps the Franco-Coughlin group, or "Christian Front", has not yet reached revolutionary strength, but THE DAY is set, and judging from the exploits of their hero, Franco, it will be a bloody day. They are urged to acts of savagery by an artful haranguer who knows how to tap the beastly venom of prejudice and malice which has spread enormously in these wicked years. Behind the fire-builder is the powerful and merciless Rome. Her smoke-screen obscures the blaze until it finally breaks through cover, a devouring conflagration, and the terror is upon the land. The kindling is always the same. In Germany, Italy, Spain, Austria, and now America, the same cry is raised: "DOWN WITH COMMUNISM!"

Van Paassen writes under the chapter heading "The Infamy":

"Hitler's declaration of war on Communism is a masterpiece of Machiavellian diplomacy. In raising the hue and cry against Moscow the Fuehrer has frightened the bourgeoisie of every country of which he desires the disintegration into looking toward himself as the champion of the established order and as the savior of Europe."

The same writer gives an amazing Catholic authority to show that the Frente Popular, the "Popular Front" which first Franco and now Coughlin denounce as Communist, was really the voice of a free Catholic people**:

Exterminating Bolshevism!

"If the Frente Popular is victorious," said Señor de Semprun Gurrea, perhaps the most authoritative of the Spanish Catholic intellectuals, "the Church will have absolute freedom. A great freedom, a terrible freedom! May it please God that she is not tempted to abuse that freedom! From the reawakening and the liberation of the people, the Church has nothing to fear. On the contrary, she will be freed herself, delivered from the chains that bind her to big business. She will find back her virtue, which is to love and serve and not to command."

Thus writes a Catholic Loyalist, a member of the Popular Front which Franco has now almost completely exterminated. He is now, no doubt, either dead by Franco's firing squad or a very disillusioned man; for the "Church"

preferred the chains of her illicit lover, Big Business, even at the cost of thousands of lives of the best Catholics of the Republic. "Sixty-nine thousand of the most ardent Catholics in the world were slain in the one month of April, 1937, in Euzkadi. But Hitler got the mines."* Many more died by Franco's execution squad, often kissing the crucifix before being led to death. One of the Nationalist divisions was called the Loyola division in honor of Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order, and now in the obscurity which comes from Fascist censorship Coughlin and Franco tell the world the fight was Christianity against Communism. It was not to make Catholics that the "Church" backed Franco. It was the greed of dispossessed capitalists avariciously and wickedly directing a bloody assault to obtain by wholesale murder and larceny their lost riches.

It was not for converts, but for gold, that Rome employed a common murderer to destroy the finest Catholic blood of the realm. And it had been done before. Van Paassen, the Dutchman, recalls other days:

What Franco was doing in Spain, the Duke of Alba and the Cardinal de Granvelle had tried to do in the seventeenth century in Holland and Flanders, and Catherine de Medici [niece of the pope] and the Duc de Guise in the savage night of St. Bartholomew's in France: Franco and his cohorts desired to slip the collar of servitude back on the necks of the Spanish people who had just thrown it off.**

I do not hesitate to say, as do those Catholics De Semprun Gurrea, Maritain, Mounier, Bernanos and Bergamin, that the cause of the long-suffering and patient Spanish people, so inhumanly exploited for ages by their worldly and spiritual overlords [the Roman Catholic Hierarchy] and so hideously reviled in their fight for freedom, did and does represent today the cause of Christ.

Let honest people of every creed note that this is Franco's accomplishment: Liberty ground under the bloody heel of Tyranny. This is Franco's way, the way Coughlin craves to copy.

Responsibility

Two of the writers quoted herein were newspaper correspondents sending their copy from the scene of the events. Mr. Gedye represented the *London Times*, the *New York Times*, and the *English Daily Express*; Mr. Van

(Continued on page 18)

* *Days of Our Years*, page 478.

** Same, page 461.

* *Days of Our Years*, page 460.

** Same, pages 466, 467.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Sir Oswald Mosley

• Mosley is a would-be savior of Britain. He has a remedy for the evils of its social system, and, if he got power, would set up a government which would enforce his ideas on the people. He admits he is revolutionary in his proposals, which may be said to be a blend of Nazism and Mussolini's Fascism, with some ideas of his own. When he made his first bid to form a party he made free use of the term Fascist in describing it and his proposals. He copied Mussolini in wearing a black shirt, and those who became his followers did the same. A uniform was worn, and army drill and parades were part of his propaganda. The Government decided that this thing was likely to become a danger to peace and order, and it got an Act passed which made such wearing of uniforms illegal. Men appear to like being dressed up in uniform and parading, and when they could no longer parade Mosley lost his party. Persistent, he carried on a propaganda, and now after some years he has made another bid for a leader's position. He has dropped the term Fascist as describing his proposals, and now styles his movement British Union. He made a new bid for notice by means of a big meeting held in London's newest and largest auditorium. Before the meeting took place it was announced that Mosley would address the world's biggest meeting. It was held, and carried through after Hitler's manner, with banners and parades, and he, the speaker, framed on a forty-foot-high platform and alone. He got a salute à la Hitler, and was acclaimed the Leader by many in the audience. It is said that about 20,000 were present, of whom perhaps 10,000 were associated with his propaganda. His too previous declaration of addressing the world's biggest audience was not realized, for Judge Rutherford a few weeks before had an audience of at least 22,000 listening to him in Madison Square Garden auditorium, New York city. Mosley's brand of Fascism is not the same as that favored by many in the high places of politics and power in Britain. As he admits,

it is too revolutionary for them, and for that reason it may well be considered that there is little probability that he will become leader of a large following, much less of his becoming Britain's accepted dictator. In an interview with the editor of one of the Roman Catholic newspapers he said that his party had in it more Roman Catholics than of other religions. He would make friends with the Catholics as he would with Hitler and Mussolini. But he hates the Jews and apparently everything Jewish, believing, he says, that the Jew by his intrigues and his money is the cause of much of the world's present troubles.

Growth of Fascism

• How much Mosley may ultimately accomplish in his purpose cannot, of course, be told; but it may be taken as certain that his propaganda will do something to further the idea of Fascism, though dictatorial rule towards which Britain is tending will come from other sources. Differences of opinion in the many political parties in democratic countries are playing into the hands of the Fascists. An illustration is seen at the present time in Holland, where the queen has had difficulty in getting a cabinet formed for the government of the country. It is said that the heavy cost of Holland's rearmament program is the cause of the difficulty; for Holland, like all other European countries, is compelled to a heavy expenditure for its defense, and, as is common to all, this makes advanced social and domestic legislation impossible. It is said that in Holland there are 400,000 persons unemployed, or more than 25 percent of its workers. Roman Catholicism is strong in Holland, and busies itself in the Cabinet and Parliament in the interests of that system. Always the interests of "the church" are the main consideration to a Roman Catholic. Because of its troubles it is said that the queen may dispense with Parliament and rule the country through orders in Council, and that would be the application of Fascism. In the confused conditions which obtain in Britain there are many who are already ready to accept such rule, and certainly now that war has come that form of government would seem inevitable, under the style of a national council.

Bureaucratic Rule in Britain

• A government which cannot be absolved from the suspicion of Fascist leanings and

sympathies has during the past few years set up several ministries for the better regulation of the agricultural industries. Thus there is a Pig Board, which controls the producing, the importing and the marketing of pigs and bacon. There is a Potato Board, with full executive powers to say how many acres shall be allocated to potato growing. A farmer must have a license to grow potatoes, and must pay for it at the rate of £5 per acre, and may not increase his acreage except by license. The Board fixes the merchants who may deal with the crops; it regulates the size and weight of the potatoes which may be offered for human consumption. Then there is a Milk Board, to regulate the production and sale of milk, and which fixes the prices throughout the land. Many of these regulations are considered irksome, and to an observer some seem strange and even ridiculous: certainly those under them consider and find some rules very irksome. For example, a farmer producer must sell his milk to a registered retailer, or to a certain wholesale concern. He may not sell even a pint of his milk to a neighbor, not even if the neighbor has a sick child, and the need is urgent; he may not sell a glass of milk to a passing stranger for his refreshment. Infringement of regulations may cost him dearly in fines, or even worse. Correspondingly the retailer may not give a glass of milk to a passing beggar. The various boards have many inspectors always alert for transgressions of its regulations. The Milk Board fixes the prices of the trade whether wholesale or retail. Much milk is sold to firms in the chocolate manufactures, and for such milk the farmer will get about 6d per gallon; if he also has a retail purchaser the consumer must pay at the rate of 2/- or 2/4 per gallon. A member of Parliament, voicing some of the criticisms of the Board's regulations, gave his own experiences as a small producer in Devon. He owns a small farm, he said, and told Parliament, "Last month I received 7.3 pence a gallon for my milk. In London they sell it to the consumer at 28 pence a gallon. Who gets the difference?" The cost of distribution in the large cities is necessarily heavy; but the margin is a wide one. The member went on to remark that which any observer may notice and confirm, namely, that there is in London a very considerable difference in the amount of cream between the London delivered milk and that which may be found in any milk of ordinary good quality. The law demands that

milk retailed shall contain not less than 3 percent of butter fat; but cows of ordinary good feeding give more than that. The great combines pasturize the milk, and it seems they take care to pass on to the consumer just such amount of butter fat as will keep them within the law. As they do not break the law, who has a right to complain?

No doubt there are advantages to be seen in this bureaucratic form of government. Undoubtedly the agricultural interests have been very badly neglected, and there is now some co-ordination between the production of the land and its distribution. There has been much criticism of the manner of accomplishing what all agreed needed doing, and many members of Parliament roundly declared that chiefs were posted to high positions though they lacked the essential qualifications of actual experience in the matters they were to regulate and control. It is plain that there has been much multiplication of offices and of officials. The various ministers have almost absolute powers as executives; Parliament delegated these offices to the Government's control, and what is done cannot be debated by Parliament. All this means that by one means or other, apparently by policy or by complexity of legislation, Fascism—of which these boards have a form—is ever coming nearer. Nazism, the reducing of all things under one head, is not welcome to those who have money and power, but Fascism is seductive to many.

Jews in Britain

• In Britain Jews have for a long time enjoyed equal rights with its nationals, but that a measure of anti-Semitism is present is apparent, and Mosley's followers will increase it. No doubt feeling has arisen by reason of the fact that though the Jew takes fullest advantage of the liberties he enjoys he nevertheless considers first himself and his kind, and the general interests last. A noted Jew, aged Sigmund Freud, the father of psychoanalysis, as he is sometimes styled, has found refuge in England, driven out of Austria because he is a Jew. Telling of his gratitude for what kindly English friends have done for him, he says, "I have found the kindest welcome in beautiful, free, generous England. Here I live as a welcome guest and happy that I can speak and write, and think as I want to, or have to." Freud takes immediate advantage of his freedom by publishing a book in which he seeks

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to destroy the truthfulness of the Scriptures. He has no use for the Scriptures as the revelation of God and His will. In fact, he is an atheist, whether or not he would so declare himself. His present endeavor is to give expression to his unbelief in the Scriptures' record of Jehovah's dealings with Moses and Israel, and of the declaration of His will to Moses. His book has received a good deal of attention; for all the intelligentsia must take note of what such a noted man says. The parsons through their newspapers do not acclaim him as a champion of their own unbelief in the Hebrew Scriptures, but have little to say, for the simple reason many of them agree with this aged unbeliever, but dare not speak just so plainly as he feels himself at liberty to do. Freud says he may now, in England, speak "as I have to". Undoubtedly he *has to*, in that he is under the influence of demons. His psychoanalysis practice is one of the Devil's attempts to turn man to himself for salvation from his troubles—a dogma and practice readily accepted by a generation that does not want the rule of the Creator.

Irish Terrorists

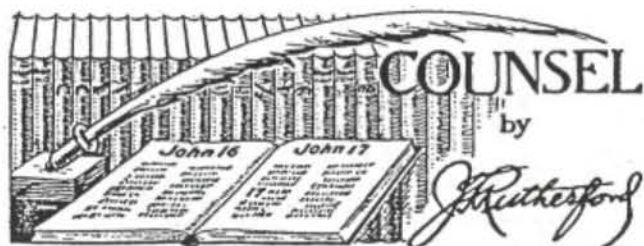
● The dastardly acts of the Irish Republican Army have at last moved the Government to swift action. It is said that property of the value of over a million pounds has been destroyed, and the explosions have caused the death of several persons and injury to about one hundred. Some of the perpetrators and many of their associates have been caught and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. The Government came into possession of some secret papers; the secretary for Home affairs disclosed in Parliament there was not only evidence of intention to continue and widen the scope of their destructive acts regardless of life, but also evidence that these men have been supplied with funds by aliens. The Bill was introduced in Parliament to give the Government special powers to deal with this terror, was speedily made into law, helped forward by bomb explosions which caused death and much injury and damage at the time the Bill was under discussion. The passing of the Act into law has resulted in the flight to Ireland of many hundreds of Irishmen. The Eire Government recently made the I.R.A. an illegal organization, but there is no reason for thinking that the suspects deported under the British law will, when they are back in Ire-

land, be other than as ordinary citizens, free to come and go.

The Roman Catholic press, while voicing its "abhorrence" of the outrages, takes full advantage of the occasion to point out that the Ulster [Northern Ireland] Parliament has had a secret powers Act in operation for some years, and that there are many persons held in confinement in Ulster who have not been brought to trial. The professed object of the I.R.A. is the dissolution of the Ulster Parliament and to get all Ireland under the rule of Dublin. That would, in effect, mean that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy would be once again in control of all Ireland. The Ulster Government refused to be intimidated by the bombs which these men of the I.R.A. caused to explode in Belfast; they rounded up all suspects, with the result that the "Army" sent its men into England to terrorize the British Parliament into submission to their demands. For a time the Roman Catholic newspapers and the priests had little to say about the outrages, probably because they also badly want to have all Ireland under the control of Dublin—and with their church in virtual control of the country. But to have continued to keep silent would have so reflected upon the Hierarchy's position as to cause belief that it was in sympathy with these ruthless men. It is reported that the Roman Catholic priest in the Dartmoor jail where some of the men are now imprisoned has refused some the benefits of the church's sacrament, and already this has raised a cry in Dublin where, evidently, it is thought that these men are only to be considered devotees of a cause and to have done nothing that should cause excommunication from the church. It seems that some Roman Catholic priests and others can take much the same view of the actions of these terrorists as they take of Franco's acts in Spain, where yet terrible things are credibly reported—it is said that at least 100,000 murders have been committed in Madrid since it fell into Franco's hands.

A War Certain to Be Lost

◆ The quickest road to universal Fascism would be a war against Fascism; for, to win it, every democratic nation would go Fascist or the equivalent of Fascist.—Glenn Frank, in the *New Haven Register*.



The Snare

IN RECENT months Jehovah's witnesses have exhibited banners bearing the words, to wit, "RELIGION IS A SNARE AND A RACKET," and, "SERVE GOD AND CHRIST THE KING." These facts they advertise by marching along the streets and exhibiting the banners bearing the foregoing expressions before the people. Many become angry because of the exhibition of such signs. Is this exhibition of banners above mentioned done to ridicule others and to provoke the people to wrath? Most emphatically not. Nothing good could come from doing something merely to ridicule others. If the truth provokes one to wrath, that is the misfortune of those who become angry. These banners are exhibited to inform the people and to warn them of the great danger that results from the practice of religion, and points out that the only means of safety for the people is to serve God and Christ Jesus His King. The kingdom of God is the hope of the world, and everything against God's kingdom by Christ Jesus is against the interest of those who desire to live. This information is given to the people because God has commanded that it must be given and that the people must be warned from Him.—Ezekiel 33:7; Exodus 9:16.

The Word of God, as written and published in the Bible, is the only safe guide for men; and hence the man of God prays: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

The man who follows religion necessarily ignores the Bible instruction, because religious teachings are in fact the teachings of the tradition of men. The present is the time of great peril, as everyone observes. What the people need above everything else is a knowledge of God's Word, that they may be guided in the right way. Jehovah God commands all

those who are devoted to Him, and who therefore worship Him in spirit and in truth, to go among the people and bear testimony to the name and to the authority of Jehovah, the Supreme One. (Isaiah 43:8-12) This He does for the people's well-being and protection. God points out in His Word that the nations will be ensnared and are ensnared by religion, and He commands His witnesses to tell the people what is God's Word of truth, and which shows the clear distinction between religion and Christianity. Since the Scriptures clearly show that religion is a snare and a means by which a racket is carried on, no one can be a true and faithful witness of Jehovah God unless that one tells the people of their danger of being ensnared by religion.

If the people are kept in ignorance of the origin and purpose of religion, then it would not be possible for them to avoid the snares thereof. A brief statement of the origin and development of religion follows: Satan the Devil caused the original man and woman to violate God's law, which resulted in their death. (Genesis 3:3-17) Satan then declared openly and rebelliously against God that he, the Devil, could induce all men to turn against and curse God to His face, and hence that God could not put men on earth that would remain faithful to Jehovah. (Job 2:5) Satan introduced amongst men the practice of religion for the very purpose of carrying out his wicked challenge.

Religion, therefore, had its origin with Satan. Following the Flood religion was organized and practiced at the instance of the Devil, who put Nimrod forward as a leader amongst men, and the people were taught to adore and worship Nimrod in defiance of God's law. The original inhabitants of the land of Canaan were the practitioners of religion. They worshiped men and wicked spirits. God selected the Israelites and brought them out of Egypt and sent them to inhabit the land of Canaan, and before reaching that land God warned them against religion and commanded that they should have nothing whatsoever to do with the worship of any creatures, men or devils, but that they must worship God alone as their Creator and Protector. His command to the Israelites concerning religion informed them that if they turned to religion they would be led into the snare of the Devil and would suffer destruction. God caused Moses, as His mouthpiece, to declare these words to His chosen people,

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the Israelites: "Neither shalt thou serve their [religious] gods; for that will be a snare unto thee." (Deuteronomy 7:4-16) Again He gave commandment to His covenant people, in these words: "And ye shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land. . . . Their gods shall be a snare unto you." (Judges 2:2, 3, *A.R.V.*) Instead of giving heed to God's commandment the Israelites indulged in the practice of religion. They worshiped idols and images, and thus they became ensnared and fell away and, as a nation, suffered destruction. "And they served their idols; which were a snare unto them." (Psalm 106:36) All the nations round about Palestine practiced religion, that is to say, the worship of idols, demons, wicked spirits, and the Devil himself, all of which are called 'mighty ones' or "gods", and it was into that snare that the nation of Israel fell.

When Jesus came to the nation of Israel He was confronted with the fact that the leaders amongst that people had adopted and were practicing religion, and doing so in the name of Jehovah God, and this they did in the place and stead of worshiping God. Jesus pointed out to them that by so doing they had made God's Word of none effect and had prevented the common people from hearing the truth that would lead them into the way of life. Those Jewish clergymen called Pharisees had induced the common people to thus be ensnared, and Jesus told them in plain words that they were serving the Devil. (Matthew 15:1-9; John 8:42, 44) That the people of Israel had been ensnared is further testified to by Saul of Tarsus. Saul was a prominent member of the supreme court of Palestine. As a practitioner of religion he cruelly persecuted the true followers of Christ Jesus, who were properly called Christians. Saul had been caught in the snare of religion. He being of an honest desire, the Lord Jesus Christ opened Saul's eyes to the truth and he became a follower of Christ, hence a Christian, and thereafter instead of being called Saul he was called and known as Paul the apostle of Jesus Christ. Under inspiration of the spirit of Almighty God Paul the Christian wrote these words to his fellow Christians: 'For ye have heard of my course of life in times past, in the Jews' religion; how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it.' (Galatians 1:13) Paul was then persecuted by the practitioners of religion and was arrested and charged with preaching the gospel

of Christ Jesus. He was taken before King Agrippa and in his own defense he there said: "Those who knew me from the beginning, if they would testify to the truth, would know and say that after the most straightest sect of our [Jews'] religion, I lived a Pharisee." (Acts 26:5) When he became a Christian, Paul plainly stated, no longer did he follow the teachings or traditions of men, but followed Christ Jesus and proclaimed His Word of truth, the gospel. He said: 'If I please men I should not be the servant of Christ; for I neither received the gospel from men, nor was I taught by men, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.'—Galatians 1:8-12.

Today there are many religions practiced by the people, and all of which tend to turn the people away from the true Almighty God and from the plain instruction of His Word. Because religion is wrong does not mean that all the people who are under its influence are bad. Many are deceived even as Paul was deceived. As an illustration: One political party advocates certain principles, and another political party opposes those principles. That does not mean that all in one party or all in both parties are bad. The fact that many people are the followers of one religious organization or another does not mean that all are bad; but because some amongst them are of good will toward God He commands that the truth shall be declared before them as a warning, so that they may flee from religion and obey the Word of God. And this is the reason that Jehovah's witnesses, at His command, carry the message of truth to the people and do so by exhibiting before them banners bearing the inscriptions above mentioned. The banners call the attention to the snares, and it is thereby hoped to induce the people to study God's Word and gain a further knowledge, that they may escape such snares.

It is well known that religion is a racket, because it has long been used and is used to extract money from the people upon the theory and claim that the paying over of money to a priest will enable the one paying it to receive for himself, or for some loved one who is dead, consideration and shorten his punishment and insure his salvation. Surely Almighty God could not be a party to granting favors to any creature upon a money consideration. Thus it is seen that men use religion to carry on a racket and wrongfully obtain money from others. A small number of men calling themselves priests or clergymen

extract money from the great masses of people who ignorantly pay out their money and receive nothing in return. Surely that is obtaining money under false pretenses and is one of the worst kinds of racket.

Christianity means to follow exactly in the footsteps of Christ Jesus by believing, teaching and following and obeying the Word of God, which Word of God, as shown by the foregoing scriptures, is given for the instruction of the man who desires to walk in righteousness. Jehovah's witnesses publish books and distribute them amongst the people, calling their attention to the clear distinction be-

tween religion and Christianity, and this they do in order to aid sincere persons to choose the right way. By religion men pretend to worship God with their mouths, but, as Jesus and other prophets declare, their devotion is not to God. Those who practice Christianity worship God in spirit and in truth. The distinction is this: Religion leads men to destruction; Christianity leads men to salvation and to life everlasting. In the next article following, the facts will be pointed out showing how completely commercial men have been ensnared by religion and of the great peril in which they have placed themselves.

Smoke-Screen (Continued from page 12)

Paassen, The Federated Press of America, Canadian Central Press, and Seven Arts Feature Syndicate. It is a fair deduction, therefore, that not only were these newspapers acquainted with the advance move of the Hierarchy, but that all the great press systems of the world are fully informed on this matter. Why, then, do not the newspapers at least of the Democratic countries publish these facts for the safety of the countries they are supposed to serve? The answer is, FEAR. They fear the wrath of the Hierarchy. And fearing, they have refused to use the only weapon that might have availed, namely, exposure. When the Hierarchy is in full control the press systems will become entirely servile propaganda machines and must shoulder a large share of the responsibility for this calamity. "The fear of man bringeth a snare." (Proverbs 29:25)

A recent example of this fear of the Hierarchy is noted in the issue of the New York *Times* of August 14, 1939. A description of another Coughlin outrage is described under the title "Crowd Battles Police in Bronx". Neither the name Christian Front nor Coughlin was used in the account. When an interested party inquired if the group were the Coughlin group he was told by the *Times* that they were but that the *Times* feared to tell this fact, claiming that they would be sued for damages. The account states that two officers of the law, a captain and a sergeant, were beat up by the crowd after they had attempted to stop a fight between some of the members. When the attackers were arrested a thousand of this group paraded to the police station in protest. MORE FEAR. The captain who was injured, on the day immediately following his

injury at the hands of the Coughlinites was sent on vacation, and could not be interviewed. Why was the force in such a hurry to send the captain away? Perhaps the mayor and the commissioner of police can answer this. In this connection an interesting letter is here inserted:

Brooklyn, August 14, 1939

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Brooklyn, New York
Gentlemen:

This is Mrs. Moritz writing you. I am an honest Catholic and believe in the truth and tell the truth. This man Coughlin making all the trouble in Brooklyn and in New York; I see from the *Times* that they beat up the police and the *Times* called them "Christian Mobilizers". I called up the *Times* Editor and he admits that they lied about it, that they really are Coughlinites, but they feared to call them Coughlinites for fear of a damage suit. This city is getting to be a terrible place. Even the *Times*, which claims to publish all the truth that is worth publishing, admits that they publish lies. What are we coming to anyhow? Faith, and I am tired of the whole thing.

I am respectfully an honest Catholic
Mrs. Mary Moritz of
Brooklyn, New York.

Outcome

The Scriptures foretold this very use of a smoke-screen and also the final result to the unchristian organization who hide behind His name. How fittingly is the whole Catholic fog of deception described in the words of the prophet Isaiah!—

"Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us; for we have

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made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves. Therefore thus saith the Lord God, . . . Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall

overflow the hiding place."—Isa. 28:15, 16, 17.

Only the Lord can and will destroy the Catholic Hierarchy, the arch criminal doing the will of Satan the Devil, and this He will do at Armageddon.—Elton Groves.

Manton's Trail of Human Wreckage

IN *Consolation*, issues Nos. 519, 520 and 521, Manton's betrayal of trust was recounted. His first vicious act was committed soon after his appointment to the Appellate bench in March, 1918, and this was not perpetrated upon wealthy litigants. In that year he set the stage for the Hierarchy's present abuse of a Christian. Eight men, officials of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, who had been wrongfully convicted, on trumped-up and fraudulent charges of violating the Espionage Act, were refused bail by Manton pending their application for new trial. After spending nine months in the Atlanta penitentiary their case came up for hearing in Manton's court, the United States Court of Appeals. The majority of the court reversed the decision of the trial court (even the trial judge admitted his prejudice), but Manton dissented and still insisted that they should be kept in jail. On the basis of these wrongful and outrageous acts, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, who backed their son Manton in this conspiracy, have continued to charge Judge Rutherford, who was one of the eight defendants, as being an ex-convict. From their known complicity in the plot to destroy the work of God's kingdom then and now this false charge is seen as a deliberate libel. It was not the bribe of \$250,000 Manton accepted by circuitous route from the American Tobacco Co. in 1932 that first demonstrated his contempt for truth and justice. His fate of destruction was sealed on the books of Heaven when he sold these eight Christians to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, who have persecuted these and all real Christians ever since and used this damnable outrage of their own plotting to the hurt of the innocent. One would rather like to know how many years the Hierarchy took from Manton's "purgatory" visit for this frame-up. At any rate their press was loud in approval of Manton's patriotism for keeping "the Bible Students" in prison in 1918-19; which makes their silence now at

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Manton's conviction for accepting bribes the more conspicuous.

Manton has injured many others, and two years in prison will not settle the account before the Lord. "The wicked will he destroy." How shocking it is to think of a jurist sitting in judgment, sardonically hearing the earnest and honorable efforts of lawyers to defend their clients; knowing that the decision was stacked against them, already settled by this colossal traitor for the lucre which the Catholic Hierarchy loves so well and who doubtless got a nice cut of the swag! Says *Official Detective Stories*, issue of August, 1939:

Meantime the public was blissfully unaware of the Jekyll-Hyde nature of this highly respected man who sat in all his official dignity upon the bench as honest lawyers pleaded brilliant fights in vain. What thoughts must have been going through his mind as laboring attorneys for certain litigants reduced to words in his courtroom the result of long all-night hours of work, when the case they were arguing was already decided—against them—with the dough for the decision already tucked away in that black safe in the arch-crook's office!

Manton's rascality was of long standing, and it took a bad turn 'way back in 1918, when he did the bidding of the Hierarchy against men whose only fault was to teach the gospel of God's kingdom. His career ended in court, unsuccessfully defended by two lawyers both of whom had defended eminent Catholics before. One of Manton's lawyers had defended Dutch Schultz, the other Al Capone. Neither Schultz nor Capone had been Knights of St. Gregory the Great as was Manton, but their careers as Catholics had been exceptional and it was certainly in the eternal fitness of things that the three should have a final bond.

Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.—Deuteronomy 16:19.



Crucial Point

◆ Attorney General Murphy was right when he told the mayors in New York the other day that "the first battleground of civil liberties is the local communities". It is unquestionably a thing that the mayors should keep in mind, for theirs is the first responsibility for protection of those rights that make the American system almost unique among the governments of the earth, and that make it worth defending.

However, it should not be forgotten that the local communities are the first, and not the last, battleground of civil liberties. American freedom will never be lost in a local community. A Hague can suppress freedom in



Jersey City without shaking it as regards the rest of the country. A Big Bill Thompson can make Chicago a laughingstock without doing perceptible damage to Balti-

more. A tyrannical mayor is a petty tyrant. He may justly incur the contempt of the country, but he is not likely to become a menace of national proportions.

The last battleground of civil liberties is not any local community, but the city of Washington. Attorney General Murphy referred eloquently to the Quakers and Mennonites, and defended their right to worship as they see fit. At the moment, however, nobody is attacking the Quakers or the Mennonites. Why didn't he say something about Jehovah's witnesses, the people whose children are being thrown out of public schools all over the country for refusing, on religious grounds, to salute the flag?

The first denial of these people's civil rights was made in local communities, to be sure, but where they have finally lost is in the Supreme Court of the United States. It is true, the issue has not been drawn squarely in any case before that court; but the difficulty—to date, the impossibility—of getting the issue before the court has operated against them as effectively as an adverse decision. Mayors ought, indeed, to stop every attack on American freedom in their own cities; but it is the wave of

hysteria that sweeps through Washington that does the damage to the whole country.—*Baltimore Sun*.

Heil Chester Gannon!

◆ Chauvinist Gannon has a fine model for his system of patriotism in the European method. Adolf Hitler gets plenty of salutes and "heils" by making it mighty uncomfortable for any of his loving countrymen to omit "Heil Hitler" as a greeting or to fail to give the Nazi salute at the proper time. That's why Hitler is so widely respected and liked in the United States. Oh, it will be a fine, glorious day when our little school children goose-step onto the school grounds, obediently raise their right hands and salute not because they love the flag, but because they have to. Heil the Star Spangled Banner. Heil Chester Gannon.—Redding (Calif.) *Record*.

Patriotism by Force

◆ Patriotism must come from the heart. It cannot be bought; it cannot be compelled. Yet its compulsion has just been made a statutory law in California. Last week in Sacramento Assemblyman Chester Gannon of Sacramento and Seth Millington of Gridley introduced a bill proposing that all teachers require their pupils to "salute the flag at least once a week", or else—be expelled from school.

Legislation of this kind can lead to no good end. It has all the earmarks of hysteria or hypocrisy, and as such can find no roots in the hearts of the American people. But when the author of the bill deliberately states, "I believe that Mussolini has the right formula for training children," as Mr. Gannon stated in offering the bill, then to accept it without challenge is to open the way for other legislation of a regimented character which may lead us to the same depths of degradation as that under which the people of Italy and Germany are forced to exist today.—*The Desert Trail*, California.

Can't Mix Force and Patriotism

◆ Compulsory patriotism, compulsory religion, compulsory anything wherein there is a wide difference of opinion, is wrong. And when our legislators attempt to force children to salute the flag they are showing childishness and a mistaken idea of true patriotism. They would carry this silly idea to the point where they would condemn children to ignorance or to disobey parental orders. Patriotism

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is built upon filial duty, reverence to God, love of mankind—not upon a gesture of the arm and a few quoted words from the lips. The deepest-dyed murderer can swear to an oath upon the Bible, a hypocrite can sign an agreement, a Hitler or Mussolini can give verbal promises; and what do they all mean? So a pledge to a flag can mean nothing. And why attempt to force a silly idea of patriotism upon children?—*The Banner and Sonoma News, California.*

Enforced

Patriotism

◆ If the liberties guaranteed by the United States to its subjects, if the government created and conducted under the Constitution by the people themselves are such poor weapons of offense against the isms and dogmas which seek to destroy us, then any law to enforce patriotism and its open manifestation by a salute to the flag are meaningless things.

Far better for the United States of America to spread patriotism through a fair administration of just laws, observing the rights of every individual and an adjustment of our differences and difficulties through honorable means, than to create hatreds through compulsion and misunderstanding.—*Santa Rosa (Calif.) Independent.*

Legislation Bottom Up

◆ Our country is supposed to be ruled from the bottom up rather than from the top down. If people in the rank and file don't like the way things are done, they have the right to change them. In the proposed law compelling salute for the flag the rule would be from the top down. And besides, what thrill is there in saluting a flag when one is compelled to do it? The new law would take away a privilege and substitute a compulsion.—*Oroville (Calif.) Mercury.*

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Special Prayers for Hitler

◆ A National Catholic dispatch from Amsterdam, and published in the *Catholic Universe Bulletin*, states that special prayers for the welfare of Chancellor Adolf Hitler were said in churches of the Catholic diocese of Bavaria, the Rhineland and Baden, Germany, on his fiftieth birthday. Now how about offering up a few prayers for the Devil himself?

Bowing Before the Hierarchy

The London *Catholic Herald* boasted that a measure forbidding the participation by Poles in Freemasonry had been put before the Polish parliament, and that there was a big drive on in the Polish (Catholic) press against Freemasonry. Two days later the *Altoona (Pa.) Register (Catholic)* boasted that two Masonic lodges had invited the "Most Reverend" Shaughnessy, bishop of Seattle, to address them. Shaughnessy is the man who tried to prevent Judge Rutherford from speaking in Seattle, and, when he did speak, tried to

make it appear that Jehovah's witnesses had been riotous when Catholics distributed their literature at the auditorium. Shaughnessy is responsible for the hostile attitude of the Seattle press toward Judge Rutherford, responsible for the boycotting of radio stations that carried the lecture, responsible for the old women with pretentious titles that bulldozed the city council into passing an ordinance forbidding the use of the auditorium for the purposes for which it was constructed, and responsible for the flood of lies which went out from Seattle into all Catholic papers in the country, misrepresenting the facts of what actually occurred at Seattle. But Shaughnessy is a religionist, and the Masons want more religion; so let them have what they want, until



Some traitors are called Benedict Arnolds, but others answer to the titles of Cardinal, Archbishop, Bishop, Monsignor or just plain Jesuit.

they get a bellyful of it and America is in ashes as a result of their foolishness. It has been suspected that the Masonic organization has been made ineffectual by the workings of Jesuits in their midst. It looks like it.

Typical Quebec Hypocrisy



We have just witnessed some typical Quebec hypocrisy, at the visit of our king and queen here: Firstly, our Cardinal Villeneuve (who practically advises the Quebec government what they should and should not do) sitting on the king's right hand at the banquet given at the Windsor hotel, of course chock-full of a sudden overnight loyalty to the Crown, which was quite unnoticeable before the event; again, our mayor, who at political meetings told various audiences, "We French Canadians can, in the event of war between Catholic Italy and England, take sides with the Italians, and extend our sympathies to the Latin race." That is the man who greeted his majesty last Thursday on his arrival in Montreal, with the glad hand and all kinds of welcoming stuff. Truly the double-faced hypocrisy that can be launched in Quebec province is unbeatable. They tell you there is justice, when judges can sit on benches and ruthlessly send men to jail for six months because they do not believe in the Roman doctrines; that is, as the witnesses of Jehovah do not. I cite the instance of a case at St. Jerome; and now another is arrested, Arthur Titley, while Catholic rags called newspapers advertise the lies, "We have free speech and religion in Quebec"!

In other words, gentlemen, one here can write or state anything he likes re Protestant churches and their beliefs; but dare do so against the self-created I AM of Italy, and you will be arrested and even sentenced. Who makes and enacts such hideous laws here, and this a British Dominion? The Roman Church, and no other. Enclosed are further newspaper items showing further inside life of Quebec, and the abominable amount of vicious crime committed by the Province's own native element, and in some instances the crude way justice is meted out with extreme leniency to favored ones upon big charges (none of them Protestant). For instance: "Time in jail" for counterfeiting; Five months for theft of \$12,000-odd; Six months to two Jehovah witnesses for preaching Christianity.—C. E. B., Montreal.

The Hierarchy and the Women's League



Readers of the booklet *Fascism or Freedom* will remember Judge Rutherford's showdown of the mooted co-operation between the Roman Catholic Hierarchy on the one hand and Communism on the other. They will also recall his illuminating disclosure of the pope's words through Cardinal Verdier on the point.

It now appears that Cardinal Verdier has been letting the Hierarchy's cat out of the bag again, and, oddly enough, this was done in the Palais de la Mutualite, the hall used for the international convention of Jehovah's witnesses in 1937, the very hall in which Judge Rutherford gave his great speech on "Comfort" to the people of Paris. The French *Consolation* gives the details of the cardinal's latest effusion, and reveals the Papacy's unlimited ambitions.

The convention of the Feminine League of French Catholic Action has just taken place, under the presidency of Cardinal Verdier, at the Palais de la Mutualite. There was a large audience present at the final session yesterday. After others had spoken Cardinal Verdier concluded with the observation that Catholicism is establishing itself in every country, that it is the only force capable of saving the world, that the church is now in the act of conquering the world through its various organizations and that of these the Women's League is the most important.

Angling for Suckers



Angling for suckers the "Reverend" Benedict Quigley, S.A., St. Paul's Church, Cordova street, Vancouver, B.C., has a five-inch advertisement in the Winnipeg (Canada) *North-west Review* in which he has the hardihood to paint his racket in the following glowing terms:

Rock-of-Peter annuity bonds; best investment for time and eternity; large dividends to you while you live; after your death still larger dividends, payable at the Bank of Heaven.

Would you suppose anybody would dare tell such terrible lies?

What Else Would You Expect?

♦ The following are quoted as coming from Gerald Shaughnessy, so-called "bishop of Seattle". Read them and see if they are not just such words as you would expect from one who tried to keep Judge Rutherford from speaking in Seattle, and who actually bullied

several radio stations into apologizing for the exercise of their sovereign American rights:

If we are asked to fight side by side with "democratic" France against the dictators of the world, let us remember that France has, in preparation for the conflict, distinctly, categorically and actually named its real ruler as dictator and granted him those powers that it decries in other rulers. And finally, if we are asked to save again the great British "democracy", let us first analyze how that democracy works throughout the immense possessions that it has gathered unto itself and upon which it boasts the sun never sets. Let us ask the hill tribes of India what brand of democracy is meted out to them. Let us ask the gold and diamond workers of South Africa to tell us the story of the blessings of democracy that they enjoy. Let us ask the Irish of the six counties to come forward and proclaim the inestimable blessings of democracy bestowed upon them by the crushing British government. In a word, my dearly beloved brethren, if you will but match nation and nation, you will find that for the most part the so-called "democratic nations" that call to us for help are but wolves in sheep's clothing.

Religion Crying, You Bet



The Roman Hierarchy is feeling the heat of the truth, enough so that a gent who would in more honest times be laying cement sidewalks or plaster work, but is now in the Cardinal racket, has taken occasion to stick his neck out. This time it is Mr. P. Card. Fumasoni-Biondi, Prefect of the S. Congregation "de Propagandi Fide". In a note to "Reverend Father" Felix, O.S.B., he said:

Allow me to congratulate you on the splendid work you are doing to counteract the hostile anti-Christian propaganda, now being carried on so methodically by the followers of "Judge" Rutherford. Religious instruction is the crying need of the hour.

Of course, that wasn't nice of Tony to say that Judge Rutherford was putting out anti-Christian propaganda, because when Tony said that he lied. But he was right when he said something about religion crying. The more it is compared with Christianity, the worse it looks; and from present indications Biondi had better take a little time off and learn something about cement.

Making Rapid Progress

♦ The religious business is coming along fine. The *Congressional Record* published the pope's address of May 7; the Post Office department proudly boasts that from 1893 to

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1938 more than forty stamps were issued depicting Catholic personages or events, and the Jesuits came into possession of 400 acres of the finest scenic lands in the Berkshire hills. All O.K., boys; go to it while you can, for your everlasting destruction at Armageddon impends.

The Rector of Fontarrabia

♦ The Swedish newspaper *Arbeterbladet* of March 27, 1939, contains an article that reflects light on the blessings poured out on Franco the Butcher by both Ambrose Ratti, Pope Pius XI, and Eugenio Pacelli, Pope Pius XII. The account, interpreted in English by a reader in the Santa Barbara (Calif.) *News Press*, reads as follows:

The rector of a church in Fontarrabia, a Spanish village by the French border, and who has been in the service of Franco during the whole time of the civil war. As this rector could no longer stand the terrorism of Franco he finally escaped to France. Here is one of the reasons why he could not endure the goings on there. He relates that as soon as the soldiers and refugees who had escaped into France returned to Spain, thinking they would not be harmed, Franco's army would line these poor unfortunates against a wall in the churchyard and they would be shot down by machine guns without first receiving a hearing of any kind. A large hole was dug where the bodies were dumped in. Some were only wounded but were thrown into the hole just the same and buried while still alive.

Pope Was Right on the Job

♦ The pope was right on the job in the war against the Spanish Republic, as was revealed when the five troopships came back from Spain to Germany, after their arduous "Non-Intervention" duties. It seems that German planes began transporting heathen Moors to Spain on July 20, 1936, and the revolt of Franco the Butcher had then been under way only three days. In other words, it is perfectly apparent that the pope, Franco and Hitler had it all fixed up beforehand.

A Mighty Sick Parrot

♦ Father Coughlin's office denies he ever saw the Goebbels speech. But it does not explain how Father Coughlin and Goebbels came to write hundreds of words in virtually identical sequence. Word for word, for hundreds of words, the signed article by Father Coughlin parrots the speech of Goebbels.—Philadelphia *Record*.

Invincible Bloc



On the occasion of the signing of the military alliance between Germany and Italy, Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop said, "Germany and Italy, together with their powerful and trusted friends throughout the world, form a mighty and invincible bloc of 300,000,000 people." That is equal to the number of subjects claimed by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. So—

Better Feeling Between Gangsters

◆ The Rome correspondent of *La Croix* remarks on the increased friendliness between the Vatican and the Nazis since the new pope came into power. The Catholic Church participated to the full in the celebration of the Führer's fiftieth birthday, and the pope himself sent his best wishes to Hitler through Mgr. Orsenigo, Papal nuncio in Berlin.

C.T.P.S. News from Berlin

◆ The Washington *Times* contained a C.T.P.S. dispatch from its Berlin correspondent containing the statement:

Hitler sent his own airplane to Berlin to fly Msgr. Cesare Orsenigo, Papal Nuncio, to Berchtesgaden yesterday.

This news, sponsored by Sigrid Schultz, is of special interest at a time when New York papers strive, with scare headlines occupying an entire front page, to convince the great American sucker that the Nazis in Germany are fairly eating the Roman Hierarchy alive. No doubt many of them wish to, but it is not practical politics.

Germany Pays the Church Well

◆ Germany pays the "church" well to help maintain the joint racket from which both breeds of politicians profit. In the Alt Reich (Germany as it was before Austria was added to it) the Roman Catholic Church alone is paid 63,000,000 reichsmarks annually. From this it is apparent that there is as yet no financial persecution of the Roman cult in Germany. If the Führer wished to financially hurt the church of his birth and of his choice, all he would have to do would be to choke off this 63,000,000 marks. The Hierarchy and the dictators are playing their hands with poker faces, and while there is no doubt an occasional slip, on the whole they are making out pretty much as they hoped—but that is only for the time being. Just wait.

Where Goes New Zealand?

◆ That the success of the Labor régime in New Zealand has merited and gained the world's attention is proved by a glance at the world's great daily newspapers. The Manchester *Guardian*, probably the most influential of British newspapers, has this to say:

New Zealand's experiment in moderate Socialism has been far from wanting in influence. Many of its successes are a lesson, even a rebuke, to our own democracy. The attack on unemployment and the Social Security Act provide two sides of social legislation in which England should be interested.

New Zealand pursues an ideal of environment equality. It is an ideal every just man hopes to see achieved even though we live among the hard and disappointed peoples of Europe.

When Mr. Savage invites Britishers to come to live and work in New Zealand it is not to an antipodean wilderness he calls them, but to an enlightened and prosperous country in the middle of a great social adventure.

All this is very good about New Zealand. The only sad and bad thing about the country is that, according to the definite statement of a member of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, Archbishop O'Shea, of Wellington, the New Zealand Government has allied itself to Catholic Action. On his way to Rome to convey this good news to Pope Ratti, Thomas O'Shea made the matter quite clear this way: "The relations between the church and the present Labor Government in New Zealand are particularly good. The Government takes the keenest interest in Catholic Action." Yes, those are his very words as reported in the New Zealand press. Whether New Zealanders in general, and its political rulers in particular, know it or not, when Catholic Action gets a grip on the reins of government it never lets go until the words liberty and freedom are mere idle verbiage.—*Consolation*, Australasian Edition.

Vatican-Japanese Policy in China

◆ The Vatican-Japanese policy of mutual assistance in China is working well. Dispatches from Shanghai are that the Japanese authorities are well pleased with the activities of Roman Catholic missionaries, whether German, Italian or French, but have served notice on the Protestant missionaries, whether British or American, that if in any way they encourage the Chinese to defend their possessions they must either pack up and go home or transfer their activities elsewhere.

(To be continued)



Hierarchy in Southern Rhodesia

9th March, 1939.

To the Press of South Africa, and

Copies to:—

The Honourable The Minister of Justice,
President of the Chamber of Mines,
The Commissioner of Police,
H. A. Tothill, Esq., M. L. A.

Dear Sirs:

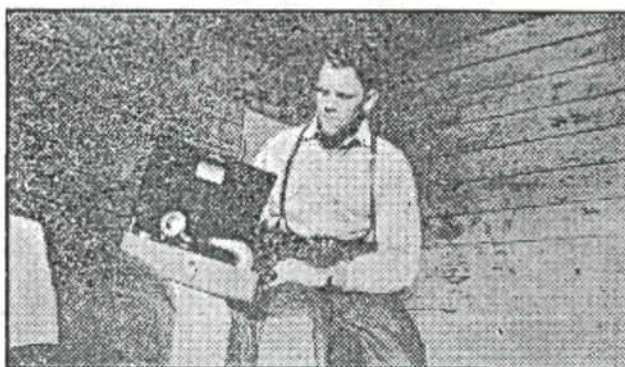
On the 4th instant the Press of this country gave considerable prominence to a news item originating in Johannesburg and to the effect that a secret society had been discovered operating throughout the country and particularly on the Rand and which society was disseminating inflammatory pamphlets to the natives. It was "suspected that the organization was being run by foreign natives, several of whom are prohibited from entering the country", etc., etc. The general impression that the average reader would gain from the story was that some mysterious and sinister movement was stealthily at work having as its objective the causing of mischief among natives and sowing discord between the European and native population. Apparently the movement was so mysterious that its name was unknown or could not be discovered!

In response to a question put by a Johannesburg M.L.A. in the House of Assembly on the 7th instant the Hon. The Minister of Justice stated that he had not received a report about a "secret society", etc., but he added, according to the press report, "it is suspected that literature of the Watch Tower movement is being distributed in some mine compounds. The matter is being investigated by the police in co-operation with mine officials." The ques-

tion based on the original story and the Minister's reply were given prominence in certain newspapers.

It must now be clear to thousands of people in this country that the person or persons who began this agitation and who concocted the original newspaper story did so with the object of bringing reproach upon the name of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society and its activities under suspicion. What are the facts?

The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society is a non-stock corporation owned and controlled by a body of Christian men and women, known as Jehovah's witnesses, and is used by them for carrying forward their work of preaching the gospel or good news of God's Kingdom in an orderly way. Its officers are all Europeans



Witness Ross in prison in Alexandria, La., for being a Christian in a Catholic town

and the work is carried forward in this country under European supervision. It is not political in any sense of the word, nor is it a secret society nor a native movement. On the other hand these Christian men and women have engaged in their work throughout the past 60 years openly (too openly for those who have engineered this

Reef story) by means of radio, public lectures, sound equipment, [information marches] and literature. With the exception of the distribution of the Bible, the Society's literature is the most widely distributed of any in the world today. It circulates freely amongst every section of the people. The full name and address of the publishers appears on every book and pamphlet distributed. The name of Judge Rutherford, author of the majority of the publications, is known the world over.

The books are not harmful to natives nor to any lover of righteousness. They are harmful only to those who oppose God's kingdom and who wish to keep the good message concerning that kingdom of righteousness away from the people. The literature does not provoke unrest, nor does it set race against race, nor one class against another. The books point out clearly from the Scriptures that God's kingdom is the only remedy for the ills of

mankind and exhort all to refrain from violence and patiently await the full establishment of that kingdom at the hands of Christ Jesus, God's anointed King and the rightful Ruler of the world. They have been distributed for many years now to all sections of the population in the Union of South Africa, and there is no evidence that they have caused unrest or disturbance in any part of the land. That fact is even admitted by those who are now trying to besmirch the name of the Society.

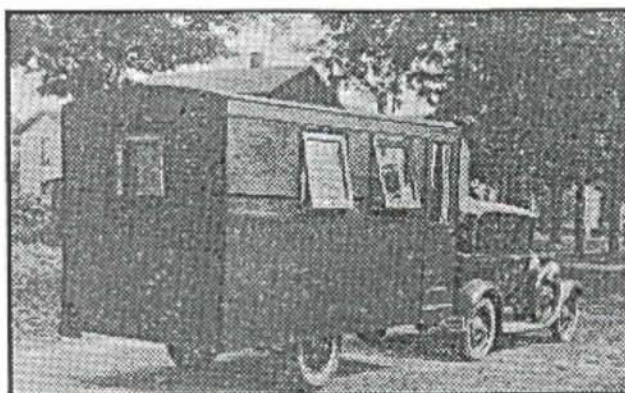
Who, then, could sink to such depths of iniquity as to concoct the malicious misrepresentations in the newspaper story? It will doubtless be remembered that "certain bodies of the churches" in Southern Rhodesia brought pressure to bear on the politicians in that land and induced them to frame a sedition bill with the purpose of suppressing the Society's literature because they did not like it. The High Court in Southern Rhodesia ruled that the Society's literature was not seditious, and this decision was upheld by the highest court in the Union, namely, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. Furthermore, Sir Etienne de Villiers in his judgment called attention to the fact that the author expressly warned his readers not to use force, and to obey the laws of his nation unless they were in direct contravention of God's law. One would have thought that such rebuff would have been a lasting lesson to those who are fighting against the message of God's kingdom. But not so! Again they endeavor to get the ear of Caesar in the same insidious fashion by suggesting that there is a plot to stir up trouble amongst the natives, although they are careful to add on this occasion that there is no question of sedition or other crime!

The Society's literature calls attention to the difference between Christianity and religion, and in setting forth the teaching of the Bible the truth necessarily exposes the false doctrines of "certain bodies of the churches". When men cannot refute the truth they frequently resort to the Devil's weapon of misrep-

resentation. It would appear that the Mine authorities have already succumbed to this agitation, and it is reported that a circular has been issued to the effect that any one of Jehovah's witnesses found distributing literature in a mine compound is to be immediately arrested and that any native found in possession of the Society's literature is to be dismissed. If there is any truth in such report, will the Minister of Justice permit such persecution and victimization of Christians in this country?

The Reef story and agitation is but part of a world-wide campaign being carried forward by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and other political religionists. The Hierarchy, working in co-operation with the various totalitarian states, is now bent on seizing control of every

nation on earth and ruling them by arbitrary dictators. As each democracy falls the liberties of the people and freedom to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience are taken away. And even in the few democratic countries that are left they try to suppress the truth by misrepresentation. In North-



On the warpath

ern Rhodesia, four years ago, it was the Roman Catholic Awemba who instigated and who were the ringleaders in the Copper Belt riots. At that time it was immediately "suspected that agitators connected with the Watch Tower movement were responsible". Now we are having a repetition of the same performance in the Union.

The *Sunday Times* of Johannesburg in its issue of 5th February gave details of the Nazi propaganda on the Rand Mines. The report states that there are approximately 400 German-born Nazis working underground on the mines and that such men are carrying on an intensive campaign to create disaffection among the natives. Such campaign has as its object the discrediting of "British Imperialism and capitalist exploitation". Should the Roman Catholic-Fascist-Nazi campaign result in causing unrest or disturbance, then the same crowd will immediately come forward

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and say that it is the Watch Tower literature that must be responsible, just as they did in Rhodesia.

Judge Rutherford has called attention to the Scriptures which prove that the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church are false, and has challenged the Hierarchy to put up its best man to debate such doctrines with him over the radio for the enlightenment of the people. That challenge, made several years ago, has not been accepted, but instead we have this world-wide campaign of slander and misrepresentation. The police of this country, instead of keeping a close watch on humble Christian men and women who are earnestly and faithfully carrying out the commands of Almighty God to spread His Kingdom message to "all nations, kindreds and tongues", would be spending their time more profitably checking up on the activities of the emissaries of that foreign power whose headquarters are at Vatican City, Rome, and which is out to grab control of South Africa and all other parts of the earth.

If you have published the Reef story and the Minister's reply you must know that many people who do not know the Society or the work in which it is engaged would get a false impression. We invite you to publish the truth so that lovers of righteousness may be informed. If you have not the courage to publish the facts, then, at least, you have been informed, and if at a later date you share in the conspiracy to crush an innocent people and to suppress the message of God's kingdom it will be a willful matter, so far as you are concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY,

(Signed) G. R. PHILLIPS,

South African representative.

[In every part of the world the rulers fear to "face the facts" about the Hierarchy.—Ed.]

SEPTEMBER 20, 1939

To the Jesuitized Hitlerites

2700 S. Del Mar Avenue

Wilmar, California

January 7, 1939

To the Principal of the Rosemeade School,
The Members of the Rosemeade School Board,
The John Guess Post, American Legion,
and Citizens of the Public School
Systems of California.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would suggest that all of you read the Constitution of the United States; perhaps you have forgotten that it grants religious freedom to all people.

When Mr. La Berge, superintendent of the Rosemeade School, found that Alfred Grimmett, a twelve-year-old boy, refused to salute the flag because he had conscientious objections, as far as I am able to learn, the school board passed a law making it possible for the boy to be expelled from school. Such acts of the superintendent and school board would deprive the lad of the liberty the Constitution grants



Jehovah's Kingdom publishers (pioneers) at
Lochness, Inverness-shire, Scotland

him and they would compel him to become a hypocrite and salute the flag, rather than protect the freedom the flag has always stood for. Psalm 94:20 says, "They frame mischief by law."

Exodus 20:3 says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Apparently the John Guess Post, American Legion, the Rosemeade School Board, and the principal of the Rosemeade School have placed the flag and the American nation above God, although the courts of America recognize God's law as supreme and the laws of America as subject to God's law.

Today the prophecy of Daniel 2:44 is being fulfilled when it says, "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom . . . and it shall break in pieces and consume all these other kingdoms." Now Jehovah God is having the gospel message of the Kingdom preached to all nations as a witness, and shortly in the battle of Armageddon He will

destroy all these present kingdoms and set up the kingdom of Christ in completeness. Jehovah's witnesses have pledged their allegiance to Jehovah and His kingdom; they cannot be faithful and compromise by pledging allegiance to any kingdom other than that of Christ the King; they are a group of loyal, law-abiding people, wholly obedient to all laws that do not conflict with God's law.

The methods of coercion and threat used by Hitler and Mussolini have no place in America. There is no difference between compulsory flag-saluting and compulsory *heil Hitler*. The course of action followed by Alfred was one requiring courage, but at the same time did not in any way interfere with the rights of the other children to comply with the flag-saluting exercise.

Is there one among you who would dare be as loyal to your convictions as Alfred Grimmett was to his, when that loyalty means to be denied an education and companionship of friends?

Compulsory flag-saluting has no place in the lives of the American people; is not upheld by the Constitution, and such dictatorship is neither condoned by the public press nor the people.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. La Berge, superintendent of the Rosemeade School, Roy W. Young, Florence Osler Foote, Almer Nelsen, members of the Rosemeade School Board, and the John Guess Post, American Legion, and all the newspapers in southern California with the request to please print.

Respectfully,

MRS. BEULAH JACKSON.

Kingdom News from France

♦ The following interesting information came in two letters recently received from France. The first one was from a British pioneer in the big Mediterranean port of Marseilles; the second, from an old warrior in the Lord's army at Paris. They well illustrate the spread of the Kingdom message in France, and also reveal the spirit of faith and courage that animates the Lord's people today in every land. Here is extract number one:

Three German publishers recently passed through Marseilles. They remained with us two days while waiting for their boat. All three are young. They have been engaged in the witness work in the Balkans. One of them told us he had been in prison in various Balkan countries no less than 27 times. They are going to take up the work now in

Shanghai, China, having been driven out of Central Europe. By the way, I see that *Consolation* of May 3, which I have just received through our Paris office, carries a photograph of Jehovah's witnesses at Shanghai.

From what the three witnesses told us it appears that the witness of the Kingdom has been well given in the Balkans. And what stories they recounted concerning all they had undergone in those half-civilized countries! It was as interesting as a novel. But, oh, what painful experiences they had to endure in performing the work. They have now set off again and it will be a month before their boat puts in at Shanghai. On the eve of their departure we wished them *bon voyage* at the home of a witness here in Marseilles.

I have now been joined by two young Jonadabs who go out regularly with me in the work. It is very encouraging. Last Monday I spent the afternoon in the town of Aix, about 25 miles from here. I was looking for a meeting room; for there are some interested ones in that town. I found a fine room, but at the moment certain difficulties prevent us from beginning. Perhaps a door will open later on.

And here is extract number two, from the Paris letter:

Some of us, myself included, have been working for a month at redecorating our new meeting hall. The Society's representatives at the Paris office had been searching every corner of Paris for months before finding it. When we took it over it was in a terrible state, and its appearance was far from attractive, but it has been completely transformed, and is now a superb hall. We hope that, by the Lord's grace, the vacant places will soon be occupied by newly-interested ones; for this hall is much larger than the one we have just left. The latter had become altogether too small for us, and twenty to thirty people had to remain standing every Sunday. Incidentally, this serves to indicate the growth of Jehovah's work and how His name is being increasingly proclaimed.

In France we are not escaping the attentions of that monstrosity which is growing everywhere. The Fascist movement is here, and we are at the mercy of the new decree laws, which will soon be applied and may forbid the circulation of our publications. The battle will then become arduous and we shall have to openly manifest our zeal and fidelity. We joyfully remember our year text, "But they shall not prevail against thee." Our strength is in Jehovah.

—F. W. Freer, England.

Jehovah's witnesses in Quebec

♦ Witnessing in Quebec is like playing a game of checkers. The enemy watches our moves and endeavors to block us. For some years we won our court cases in the city of Montreal on "selling" and "peddling" charges,

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as Montreal has an exemption for religious work. Since *Cure* and *Enemies* were published and we exposed "religion" as a racket, the tables were turned and the city registered convictions continuously, based on certain plain statements in said publications. It took some time for these hailstones of truth to sink into the minds of those who sit on the bench; but eventually it registered, and in the last two months we won our cases on "selling", even if the books used as exhibits did say "religion is a racket". Evidently they now see the distinction between religion and Christianity. Primarily our thanks are to Jehovah for this victory, but we must, in all fairness, recognize the fairness and justice manifest by Recorder Semple, who gave the first favorable judgment in the Recorder's Court since *Cure* and *Enemies*, etc., were released for distribution. Mr. Semple is a Catholic, but he is one who knows his own mind and is not completely dominated by Rome. Two other recorders rendered similar decisions, based on Semple's decision.

Framing Mischief by Law

Following the decision given by Recorder Semple in the city of Montreal, stating that Jehovah's witnesses had the right to carry on their work in the city without taking out a license, the city now purposes amending their by-law so as to prohibit the work of Jehovah's witnesses. We purpose being present when the discussion comes up before the city council, so as to counteract this move if possible.

While the cases were pending before the Recorder's Court the city wanted us to cease activities, but the reply given them by Jeho-

vah's witnesses was, 'No! Full steam ahead!' and which is being done to this day.

"Padlock Law" Hits Jehovah's witnesses

Four raids have been made at the homes of Jehovah's witnesses by the Provincial Police, acting under the Duplessis-Villeneuve Padlock Law. Villeneuve, who happens to be the archbishop of Quebec, was, it is alleged, the instigator of the law, and which was lauded by the press at the time, but which he later denied.

All books, phonographs and records were seized in each raid, as well as personal letters, papers, *Watchtowers* and *Consolations*. There seems to be no comeback, as this infamous law is part of the Statutes of Quebec, and as yet there is no redress.

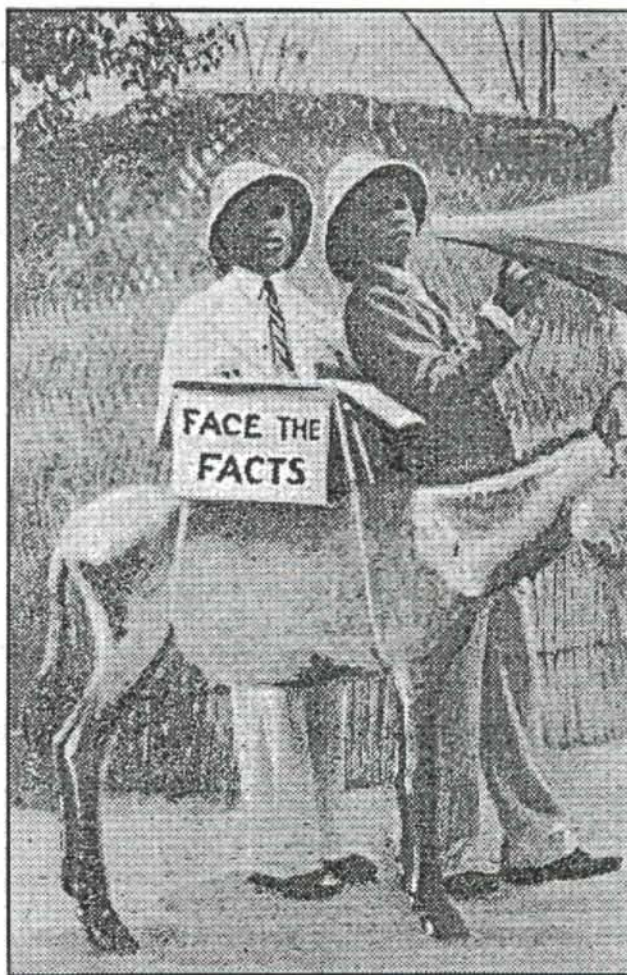
Sequence to Raids

Charges of "being parties to a seditious conspiracy" were laid against eight witnesses who were in the house. (Incidentally, this was a pioneer camp.) Four others escaped the dragnet, as they were out on back-calls. The others were preparing to go on back-calls, but had not yet left. One pioneer, who had been away for three months, had just returned and walked into the house right into the arms of the strong-arm squad.

Canadian Postal Service

◆ Canadian postal service, unexcelled anywhere in the world, handles 1,230,000,000 pieces of mail a year, through more than 12,000 post offices and over almost 4,500 rural routes, to approximately 250,000 widely scattered country mailboxes.

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Automobile and sound equipment of two pioneers in Nigeria, West Africa

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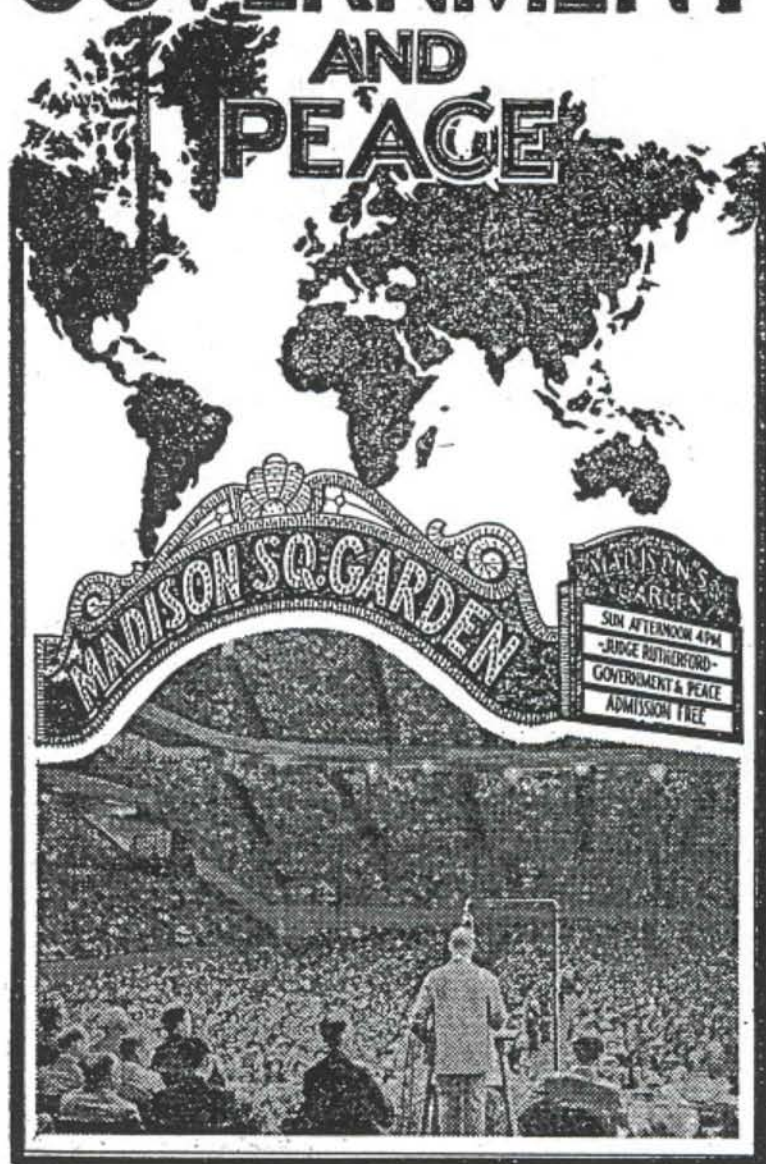
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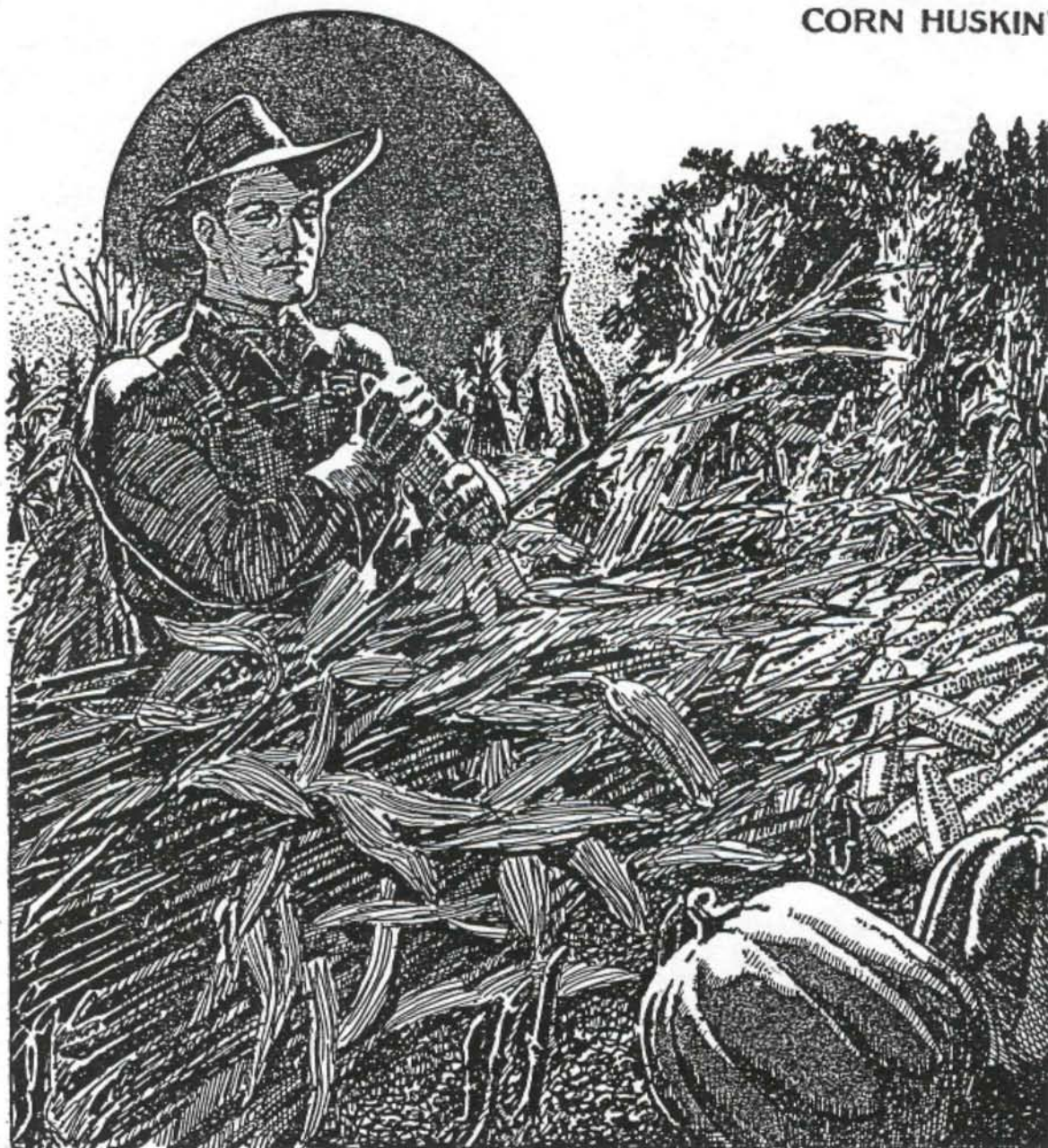
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Surely a Misunderstanding

Two ladies were sitting at an open window. One was listening to a church choir practicing across the way.

The other was listening to the noise of the crickets.

The first one said, "How loudly they sing tonight!"

And the other one said, "Yes, and they tell me they do it with their hind legs."—*Labor*.

Just Like That

Lawyer—Then you admit that you struck the defendant with malice aforethought?

Defendant, indignantly—You can't mix me up like that. I've told you twice I hit him with a brick, and on purpose. There wasn't no mallets nor nothin' of the kind about it—just a plain brick like any gentleman would use.

The Popular Overture

Two dear old ladies were enjoying the music in the park. "I think that's a waltz from Faust," said one. "I thought it was a minuet from Mignon," said the other. The first went over to what she thought was the board announcing the items. "We're both wrong," she said; "it's a refrain from Spitting."

Had Credentials

A member once brought to his British club a visitor very tubby in figure and with a beet-root complexion. Noticing him, one member asked another, "Who is that chap?"

"Colonel V—," was the reply.

"Is he a full colonel?"

"Generally," was the reply.

Nice Manners

Mama—I was glad to see you remembered not to throw the orange peel on the floor of the bus, Johnny.

Johnny—Yes, mother, I remembered what you said about being neat. I put it in the pocket of the man in the next seat.—*Labor Herald*.

Oh, So!

Mr. Stiles—Why, darling! What ails your eye? Why the bandage?

Mrs. Stiles—Don't be ridiculous! This is my new hat.

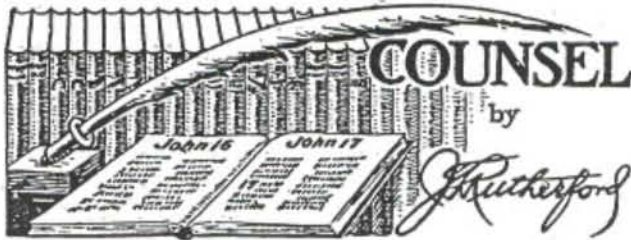
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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Victims of the Snare

IN THE preceding issue of this magazine the Scriptural proof was submitted that "religion is a snare" set by the Devil to catch fearful men. It is written in God's Word: "The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in Jehovah shall be safe." (Proverbs 29:25, A. R. V.) The Bible, the Word of God, long ago foretold the present time as 'times of peril, days of evil'. (2 Timothy 3:1) Satan, knowing that his time is short before the final battle at Armageddon, has brought great woes upon the peoples of earth, and these woes have constantly increased since 1918. (Revelation 12:12) These are the days of which Jesus prophetically spoke when He said: 'Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after the things coming upon the earth.' (Luke 21:26) Dictatorial rule in many of the nations has put fear in the hearts of the people of every nation, and they are looking for some way to safeguard their interests. Satan has taken advantage of his own wickedness and, through his earthly agents, is greatly increasing the fear of men.

Economic conditions that have come in the past few years have brought great fear upon the commercial men of the world. They fear that they cannot hold the power over men which commerce has given them. More recently their fear has increased by reason of the activities of the radical element, which threaten to destroy commerce and profiteering in the land. That fear of men or what men might bring to pass has led the commercial men right into the snare of the Devil, and their words now fully admit that fact. For the first time

in the history of America commercial men insist that only religion can save the nation from disaster. In August, 1939, the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York released to the public press their report, and the following is quoted from the public press, and the report, to wit:

"New York, Aug. 13—That religion should be an integral part of public education in the state's schools is the first recommendation made by a special committee of the New York State Chamber of Commerce, appointed in February, 1938, to inquire into the efficiency and economy of the educational system of the state. The committee warned that if the nation does not uphold its religious foundation its whole structure will fail."—THE PRESS.

The report of the committee says: "At this time the state and nation find themselves in different conditions and with different needs from those which our country has ever heretofore known, and our educational system must be adjusted to meet these present-day needs. This committee is convinced that the great lack in our homes and in our national life, is the lack of true, simple religion.

"In these work-a-day, warring, strenuous times, we have been paying less and less attention to our religious convictions and feelings. Those convictions and feelings still exist, they are more important today than they ever were, and it is vital that in our education they be honored and promulgated rather than subordinated or excluded. If this nation does not maintain its religious foundation, its whole structure will fail.

"When we say religious, we do not mean any particular church or sect. We do not want church differences mixed up in our schools; but we do want our scholars to appreciate and understand the importance of their following and making the most of the faith with which they are identified. We want them to know and to live by the basic rules of life which each will find in his own religion. Integrity, kindly human understanding and true morals

are found in each, and those our scholars must know and follow all through their lives if they would build high characters and play the part we need them to play in the future of this nation.

"The United States cannot have or maintain a right system unless it is based on true religious principles, and, therefore, in spite of the fact that some hesitate to include religion in our educational program, we place it first."

If that committee had advised the study of the Bible, and the faithful service of Jehovah God, and Christ Jesus, it would have done well. Contrary thereto the report completely ignores the Bible and no mention is made of Jehovah God or Christ Jesus. Religion alone is stressed as the savior of the nation.

There are more than 200 religions practiced in America, and not one of those religions teaches or advocates God's announced remedy for the ill effects upon the peoples of earth. Many of the religions are under the direct control of demons and honor the Devil himself openly. In fact, all religion is based upon the worship of demons or things pertaining to demons. In the face of the plain statement to this effect in the Bible, the aforesaid committee reports that religion is the hope of the nation. The Roman Catholic Hierarchy religious institution takes the lead in religious matters, and yet that institution has been diligent to keep the people in ignorance of the Bible, and that institution also continuously persecutes those who teach the Bible to the people. The Hierarchy publishes the fact that its principal doctrines are based upon the traditions of men and not upon the Scriptures. That institution has been in operation for more than 1500 years and it has completely failed to instill in the people integrity and morality; and this every honest and sincere person knows. Adolf Hitler is a Catholic and a practitioner of religion, and his régime for several years has had the support of the Roman Catholic religious institution. It is well known that Hitler constantly consults the wicked spirits, and certainly Hitler and his religion are not teaching and cannot teach the youth morality, integrity, or even common decency.

Religion has always been the institution of persecution and crime. Jesus Christ was crucified by religionists, and all His disciples suffered persecution at the hands of religion-

ists, and His true followers today likewise are persecuted.

The early settlers of America fled Europe because of religious persecution and settled in America, where they might worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. The men who founded the United States government embodied in the fundamental law the provision guaranteeing the freedom of worship. The Roman Catholic religious institution has always fought against that part of the American Constitution. When Christians assemble peaceably to teach the Bible, and to worship God in spirit and in truth, the religionists of the Hierarchy make a desperate attempt to break up such a meeting of Christians and to prevent the study and teaching of the Bible. That kind of religion could never instill in the minds of American youth integrity, morality or respect for the law.

The report of the aforesaid committee of the Chamber of Commerce discloses that the members of that committee are either ignorant of the Bible or purposely ignoring it, and for the Bible teachings they substitute religion. The Bible is the Word of Almighty God and is absolutely opposed to religion, assigning as the reason therefor that religion originated with the Devil. Christianity means to obey God's command, as set forth in the Bible. The Bible contains the word of God, and concerning it the Christian, Christ Jesus, said: "Thy word is truth." (John 17:17) It is by the Word of God that the right principles of honesty, integrity and morality can be taught. The Bible is the only safe guide for man: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105) It was written and given to man that those who love righteousness might be guided in the right way and learn true morality, honesty, and integrity, and that they might worship Jehovah in spirit and in truth.

The clergymen, who are the religious leaders, have not taught the people to have proper respect for the Word of God. They have substituted the teachings of men for that which is contained in the Bible, God's Word. The Lord Jesus Christ instructs all His followers to pray to Jehovah God: "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as in heaven." (Matthew 6:10) There is no religious institution or organization in America that teaches the people that God's kingdom is the only hope of the human race. The committee of the

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Chamber of Commerce now urges the people to choose ANY kind of religion and teach it, and ignores the Bible. The word of God, as set forth in the Bible, makes it clear that religion is a snare of Satan and his associated demons. (Deuteronomy 7:16) Jesus emphasizes the fact that religion is of the Devil. (Matthew 15:1-9; John 8:42-44) The apostle Paul likewise denounced religion. (Galatians 1:1-16; Acts 26:3-20) The apostle makes known how God rescued him from religion, the Devil's snare. He told the Athenians, who were practicing religion, that they were in fact worshipping demons: "Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' Hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious." (Acts 17:22) Note other translations of this same text: "Men of Athens, I perceive that you are in every respect remarkably religious." (*Weymouth*) "Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said, Athenians, I perceive that in all things you are extremely devoted to the worship of demons." (*Emphatic Diaglott*) "Ye men of Athens! in every way, how unusually reverent of the demons ye are, I perceive."—*Rotherham*.

Do the good people of America, who believe in honesty, integrity, and morality, desire to have their children taught religion, which is the worship of Satan and other demons, and which is against God and His kingdom by Christ Jesus? Is the committee aforementioned wholly ignorant of the teachings of God's Word, or have they willingly ignored God's Word to draw the people into the snare of the Devil?

From the beginning of America this was considered a Christian nation. The Supreme Court of the United States long ago so held. Now it appears that the clergymen, or religious leaders, have turned the people away from God and Christ, and have substituted religion entirely for the Scriptures. The clergymen, fearing that by preaching Christ and Him crucified they might not receive the honor which they desired, adopted religion instead of Christianity. They soon induced themselves to believe and led others to believe that religion and Christianity are the same thing; yet the Bible shows that religion is directly opposed to Christianity. The clergymen, desiring to increase their own power and influence and to enlarge their fields, solicited political and commercial men to join their institutions, and as an inducement they have

made commercial men the chief ones in their flocks. The commercial men were induced to embrace religion; and they feared to refuse to support it, because it might militate against their interest to do so. The clergymen and the principal of their flock, the political and commercial members, even as God foretold through His prophet, draw near to the Lord only by the words of their mouth, while their hearts are far removed from Him; and thus they are caught in the snare of religion. (Isaiah 29:10-13) The love of money and the power that money would bring was an added inducement for the commercial men to embrace religion and to associate themselves with the clergymen. In this connection mark the words written in the Bible relating to such: "But they that will be rich fall into temptation, and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."—1 Timothy 6:9, 10.

It was an easy matter for men representing the commercial interests to be led into the religious snare. It is manifest that if they ever knew anything about the Word of God they have turned away from it, as the Scriptures further state concerning the charge, which the apostle gave to Timothy: "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."—1 Timothy 6:17.

Mark this: that the report of the Chamber of Commerce committee aforesaid has completely ignored God and His Word.

Now in this hour of stress upon the world, when all men aside from Christians are filled with fear, the Chamber of Commerce by its committee urges upon the people that they teach in their schools ANY kind of religion. Thus it is seen that the Devil is leading the nation into his snare.

Will the teaching of religion save the nation? Far from it! There is one God Almighty, whose name is Jehovah. He is the Creator of heaven and earth, and He alone is the fountain of life. (Psalm 24:1; 36:9) He gives special warning to those who pretend to serve Him and who forget God and turn away from Him, and His warning is couched in these plain words: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

(Psalm 9:17) If the advice of the Chamber of Commerce committee is followed the whole nation will be taught to forget God and His Word.

Let the people keep in mind that Jesus Christ emphasized the importance of God's kingdom as the only hope of humankind. There is no other hope. The people must now choose between the instruction given in the Bible and the advice given by religionists. Instead of religion's planting any hope in the minds of men, and making any provision for their salvation, exactly the contrary is the result.

Jehovah God plainly directs the people to the only means of salvation and the only thing in which they can hope, and in this record He says: "Behold, my servant [Christ Jesus] whom I have chosen; my beloved in whom my soul is well pleased; I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall declare judgment to the na-

tions. And in his name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:18, 21, *A.R.V.*, margin.

The report of the committee of the Chamber of Commerce discloses the fact that the members thereof are victims of the snare. They are blind to the Word of God and are following their blind leaders, the clergymen of the religious institutions; and concerning this the Lord Jesus, directing His advice to the multitude, said that they should avoid the blind clergymen; "for the blind lead the blind, and both shall fall into the ditch."—Matthew 15:14.

The American people, as well as the people of other nations, must now make their choice between religion and the kingdom of God by Christ Jesus. Instead of following religion, which leads into the snare of the Devil, let the people devote themselves to Christianity, which means learning and obeying the Word of God and worshiping Almighty God in spirit and in truth.

Catholic Manton Uncensured by Rome



WHERE are the patriotic flag-wavers of the Catholic Press? Why not a few salvos for Hoover, Cahill and Murphy for ridding the bench of the greatest criminal and traitor of modern times? Martin T. Manton, Knight of St. Gregory the Great, of the Roman Catholic Church, was convicted in June, 1939, of accepting the sum of \$186,000 for only six decisions handed down in the second highest court of the land, the United States Court of Appeals. There were a good many other cases which undoubtedly could have been used by the prosecutor, but six seemed enough to prove the crime. It was a difficult job to bring to justice such an arch-criminal, and, no doubt, had the investigators made any slips, Manton would have been on them like a tiger. But the work is accomplished; the courts of justice are cleansed of an influence more deadly than Communism. Now where are the professional patrioteers that are always lathering forth about little children who conscientiously refuse to salute a flag, and the self-constituted saviors who are advocating "Franco's way" to save the country from the "Red Terror"? Speak up, Catholic Press, or forever after admit your hypocrisy.

It certainly takes a lot to cause a distinguished Catholic to be excommunicated if he

divides his spoil with the Hierarchy. Martin T. Manton has not been either excommunicated or even publicly censured. The people are left to surmise that the Catholic Church finds nothing blamable in defrauding and betraying the United States Government. What is the reply to this from Rome's American flag-wavers? (See "A Mighty Catholic in the Pit," in *Consolation* Nos. 519, 520, 521.)

Recipe for Making a Bishop

◆ Details from Rochester, N. Y., show that it takes two hours forty minutes of standing up and sitting down and all kinds of religious things like that to make a first-class, or A No. 1, bishop of the Roman Catholic church. The one that was made over was the "Most Reverend" Walter A. Foery. The ones that made him over were the "Most Reverend" Emmet Walsh and the "Most Reverend" Francis Keogh. They did a good job, which was helped along by the presence of four archbishops, 14 bishops, 500 monsignori and priests, a pack of dogs and two cats. The result, according to the dispatch, was that:

He emerged at the end of a two hour and 40-minute ceremony as a spiritual descendant of the original apostles through the invocation of the Holy Ghost, the ministrations of his episcopal consecrators, and his own prayers and pledges.

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Smoke-Screen (In Two Parts—Part 2)



WITH Armageddon almost within reach it is inevitable that the totalitarian monstrosity should begin to make its appearance in America, and many are wondering if Coughlin is the peculiar combination of Catholicism, craftiness, conceit, inconsistency and inflammatory oratorical power necessary to put it over.

One of the interesting features of the recent convention of Jehovah's witnesses in New York city was the reading of the following letter to the conventioners. The letter, signed by Dr. Herbert M. Luring, optometrist, of 707 West 171st St., New York, was addressed to Judge Rutherford, principal speaker at the convention, and was dated June 23, the opening day of the assembly. It said:

It was with great interest that I read the posters in the subway announcing the mass-meeting in Madison Square Garden on June 25 at which you are to speak on "Government and Peace".

No doubt you are familiar with the series of articles on "The Catholic Church in Politics" by L. Lehmann, published a few months ago in *The New Republic*, in which the author described the attempts of the Roman Church to deny religious liberty to Jehovah's witnesses, the denomination of which you are the spiritual leader.

Let me say right now, that I am a Jew, and a firm believer in freedom of speech, religion, press, assembly and thought; therefore, when I read of the vile machinations of the priests to suppress your church, I became aroused to anger. I really am unfamiliar with your political and economic views, and am totally unaware of the nature of the remarks you will make in Madison Square Garden. I do not know whether you will be pro or anti-administration. However, you will have an excellent opportunity at this great meeting to expose to the whole world the Catholic plot to undermine our democratic and representative form of government, and set up in this country a Papal-Fascist dictatorship to be ruled from Rome.

The leader of this insidious movement is Father Charles E. Coughlin, who is at this moment disseminating a wild and bestial anti-Semitism, having had wide success among certain Catholics. In Germany Father Coughlin is now a great hero, and at the recent meeting of Fritz Kuhn's German-American Bund in Madison Square Garden, his name was cheered to the echo.

If Father Coughlin were speaking only for himself, and not for his church, then it is quite apparent the priesthood should repudiate him from every Catholic pulpit in the nation. Yet what do we find? Certain official organs of the Catholic Church, like

the *Brooklyn Tablet*, openly support him. Other prominent Catholic churchmen covertly give aid and comfort to him. The few scattered Catholics who have disavowed him have been like voices lost in the wilderness. When Cardinal Mundelein declared that Coughlin did not speak for his church, Father Coughlin in reply virtually told the Cardinal to go to blazes. Despite the fact that the Detroit priest is propagating a savage race-hatred, which will finally culminate in rivers of blood running through our streets, the priesthood, by its silence and concealed assistance, gives assent to his activities.

Of approximately 140 million people in the United States, 115 million are Protestants, 21 million Catholics, and 4 million Jews. The great Protestant majority and the Jews believe in a parliamentary representative form of government and the Bill of Rights. The Catholic Hierarchy desires an authoritarian state, such as the Dollfuss-Catholic dictatorship in Austria, prior to Hitler.

Although the Jews are the target of Catholic anti-Semitism at this moment, they cannot very well lead an anti-Catholic campaign because of their small numbers, and because the enemy would then howl that the Jews are attacking Christianity. The audacity of the Catholic Church in presuming to speak for all Christianity is something which should enrage all Protestants. It is therefore the duty of the Protestant Church, of which your denomination is a branch, to assume the leadership of a great movement to shed light upon Catholic intrigues to subvert our government, and to make itself the state religion of our country. Once you give the lead, the Jews will follow.

Again may I emphasize that at Madison Square Garden, on Sunday, you will have a wonderful opportunity to fire the opening gun in a battle to preserve our institutions. I assure you that my friends and I will be present to hear you speak.

Well Chosen Words

Dr. Luring's words, above set forth, were well chosen, as those to whom it was read were mostly well aware, and as the readers of this magazine also well know. It is good to know that men of his intelligence are waking up to what is coming; for come it surely will. Coughlin is a menace to America and to mankind.

Coughlin has occasionally been mentioned in these columns, but not at any considerable length, because heretofore the space could be used to better purpose, but there is a reason at this time for giving this man some of the publicity he craves. It should be said at the outset that, like every Catholic priest, Cough-

lin has been taught to disregard the Holy Scriptures. Thus, in a sixteen-page lecture entitled "Following the Christ-child" there was not one Scripture citation. Holding the Scriptures themselves in light esteem, Coughlin and all other Roman Catholic priests hold in even less esteem those who place their sole reliance in the Word of God and not in the words of men.

It was thus a natural outlet for Coughlin's energies that in 1927 he used his then considerable influence with radio station WJR, Detroit, to prevent, and he did prevent, the broadcasting at that time of Judge Rutherford's address on "Freedom for the Peoples" over that station. That address, originating in Toronto, Canada, was taken for the largest number of radio stations assembled in a wire-connected chain up to that time, 53 stations. But for Coughlin it would have been 54. He will be fully rewarded for that service when destroyed in Armageddon, but is entitled to some temporary compensation in advance. This is it.

In 1937, ten years later, in a letter to a correspondent in Massachusetts, he referred to the message of God's kingdom, issuing from the pen of Judge Rutherford, in the following language:

The literature which you enclosed is only a very small part of the vicious material being circulated by Judge Rutherford and his followers, who for years have been notorious for their opposition to the Catholic Church.

In the same letter he did his best to defend the doctrine of "Purgatory", which anybody who has read the booklet *Uncovered* (probably referred to in the foregoing) knows has not a leg to stand upon.

Hurts Coughlin's Business

The circulation of the truth on any Scriptural subject hurts Coughlin's business, and that accounts for his hatred of Judge Rutherford and of Jehovah's witnesses in general. He has a racket for enrolling, for the small sum of \$1 each, the departed ones of Catholics, Protestants and Jews. If one is enrolled it is \$1: if two, it is \$2: if three, it is \$3: if four, it is \$4: if five, it is \$5. It is making money just like that. What do the people get for their \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 or \$5? They get stung. That is the total return.

The suggestion has been delicately advanced by some of the priest's critics that some of the hundreds of thousands of dollars flowing in

to him should be used for direct relief of poverty. He does not seem to have thought of that. He is for Coughlin first, last and all the time.

It would be hard to find anywhere a more thoroughly selfish man than this so-called "Christian priest". The way the Yiddish newspaper of New York put it as respects his followers and Jehovah's witnesses in *Der Tog* (The Day) of June 27, 1939, is translated as follows:

Give the Coughlinites liberty and they will know how to appreciate it. They went to a convention of Christians, a group that is opposed to the pope, and caused a riot. At the meetings of Coughlinites no one is permitted to contradict by the use of a single word, but the Coughlinites themselves are not similarly particular concerning liberty of speech: they intruded into the convention of another organization and started a riot. The followers of Hitler used exactly the same methods during their first years in Germany.

I have not yet heard him (Judge Rutherford) speak a single unkind word against Catholics, neither against those in this country nor in general. His lectures, therefore, truly come in the category of free speech. What is here involved are ideas, and freedom of speech is the basis of our democracy. You ought to see the list of persecutions which Jehovah's witnesses are suffering in the various cities and towns of America. They are refused halls in which to hold their meetings, and, when they hold meetings, are assaulted; their children are expelled from schools; they have been tarred and feathered. This has been done by Catholics against the witnesses because they have denounced, not Catholics, nor even the pope, but the Papacy.

Norman Thomas Inquires

There is no use in inquiring of a gangster why he does what he does, but it is sometimes done, merely to get him on record, or to show that he dare not speak up like a man and tell what his motives are. Norman Thomas wrote Coughlin as late as June 23, 1939, calling his attention to the fact that Coughlin asserts his own right to proclaim his ideas in the press and on the air but that his professed followers are leaders in denying or trying to deny those rights to others. He cited the civil liberties rally in Jersey City, not disturbed in any way by any except Coughlin's followers, one of whom actually had the brass to loudly announce that he had the right to break up the meeting (so another account states). Thomas went on to say to Coughlin:

Now this Jersey City experience was not unique. Groups professing to be your followers have violently broken up outdoor meetings, I am reliably informed, in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Philadelphia

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and elsewhere, quite in European black- and brown-shirt style. I myself witnessed the amazing exhibition of your followers at a hearing before the board of education in New York city in favor of closing the schoolhouses to discussions of "controversial issues". Yet the same crowd pickets radio stations very noisily in your behalf, and does it in the name of free speech! These things are bad enough in themselves. They are worse in the light of their parallel to the rise of totalitarian dictators in Europe.



Coughlin's followers picketed radio station WMCA because that station refuses to carry his addresses. That was their right. But did they have a right, after their twenty-third picketing, to pick a fight with those selling publications exposing Coughlin? Certainly not. But they did pick it, and it took 125 policemen to restore order on Broadway between Forty-eighth and Fiftieth streets on Sunday afternoon, May 21, 1939, because of that fact.

But when it came to Jehovah's witnesses' own convention in Madison Square Garden, June 25, 1939, and the Coughlinites had boasted beforehand that they would break up the convention, and marched on it with that end in view, Jehovah's witnesses were most mightily and immediately and definitely interested. This is not the place to tell the story; it has appeared elsewhere. But the Coughlinites completely failed of their objective. They were put out as disturbers; and that is just what should be done in every assembly where they try to take away from others the rights which they claim for themselves, and which America so freely grants to them.

Brief Historical Sketch

Coughlin's great-grandfather helped dig the Erie Canal; his grandfather was a Buffalo carpenter; his father was a church sexton; and Charles E. Coughlin was born in Hamilton, Ontario, October 25, 1891. He was educated in a parochial school, graduated in Toronto University, and, in 1926, was sent to Royal Oak, Michigan, to act as priest for twenty families. A natural orator with a fine voice, and Catholic training in all the arts of rhetoric, he made a radio hit from the first with those who are weak in the head. One attack on Hoover brought him in 1,200,000 letters, and an attack on a big business group brought in 600,000. As a rabble-rouser he is in the same class with Hitler.

The resemblance to Hitler's methods has

been noted by many. The source of Hitler's wealth was his royalties on the book *Mein Kampf*. A part of Coughlin's income is derived from his biography and addresses, bound in one book and marketed for \$3. Twelve of Judge Rutherford's wonderful books can be had for that money, and any one of them is worth a million times more to any person who wants to live through Armageddon than all the things Hitler and Coughlin have ever written or said or done in their whole lives, or than they will ever do.

Coughlin has his critics. The editor of *The Churchman*, a Protestant Episcopal publication, recently said of him that he is engaged in 'dropping a torch into a world filled with high explosives'. Dr. E. Boyd Barrett, author of *Rome Stoops to Conquer*, said of him: "He is anti-labor, anti-Communist, and pro-Fascist in the manner of his master, Pius XI. Like Pius, he is in an indirect way anti-Semitic. . . . Father Coughlin has thus made himself the incomparable spokesman and sounding-board of the Holy Father." Senator Bailey, of North Carolina, said of him:

There is nothing more sinister in our life right now than that Coughlin from the radio of the Shrine of the Little Flower . . . That voice stirs the depths of hate throughout the land of liberty, matches class against class, foment the fires of revolution, to crucify the American people upon his damnable ambition. Coughlin! Not "Father Coughlin" . . . When . . . a minister of a church comes down into the political arena and goes out with his radio incendiarism to stir up the fountains of hate in a distressed land amongst a suffering people, I take it nothing amiss, and I make no apologies, but I will snatch the halo from his brow and throw it into the nearest spittoon, and then throw the spittoon into the gutter.

Coughlin's Relation to the Church

In his letter to Judge Rutherford about Coughlin, it will be recalled that Dr. Lauring said: "The few scattered Catholics who have disavowed him have been like voices lost in the wilderness." Al Smith called him a crackpot and Cardinal Mundelein said he is not a spokesman for the Catholic Church and his remarks should be considered only those of an individual. And "Reverend Father" James R. Cox of Pittsburgh (perhaps to shine up his own badly spattered escutcheon since he was arrested for misuse of the mails), referring to Coughlin, said: "A Catholic priest should be the last man to encourage rabble-rousing mob vengeance and mass hysteria."

There is also a curious story dating back to the days when Merlin Aylesworth, then president of National Broadcasting Company, was one day reported as testifying that it was a Catholic group that vetoed the application of Coughlin to speak over his network. The next day the transcript of the official record did not show that he had said what the reporters the day previous had said that he said. The moral here seems to be that the transcript had been fixed to suit the exigencies of the case. Aylesworth probably said it, but the Hierarchy did not wish to have it in the record that one of their greatest 'heroes' was not acceptable to them.

Probably Coughlin knows better how he stands with the Roman Hierarchy than does anybody else. He talks personally with Rome by radiophone, and his bishop is solidly behind him. The Vatican has never disavowed him. Coughlin has said publicly that Bishop Gallagher (now dead) and the pope were back of him. Gallagher said that the voice of Coughlin is the voice of God. His words were:

I pronounce Father Coughlin sound in doctrine, able in its application and interpretation. Freely I give him my imprimatur on his written word and freely I give my approval on the spoken word.

Throughout the pages of his paper occur again and again the words "Reverend Charles E. Coughlin, LL.D. (by permission of his Ecclesiastical Superior)". Does this show any indication that the Hierarchy disapproves of this man?

When in June, 1938, there was issued from Royal Oak the statement over Coughlin's signature, "I regret to state that on specific instructions from my superiors I am advised to withdraw from all public appearances until next November," Coughlin claimed that the statement was sent out by one of his secretaries. Whatever the facts, it is certain that the Hierarchy is in close touch with the whole situation and very generally endorsing everything Coughlin does.

When he resumed broadcasts January 10, 1938, after fourteen months off the air, Coughlin said, "I understand that my radio teaching is subject to the supervision of my immediate superior, the Archbishop of Detroit": also, "I deplore the confusing agitation which has been fostered by Social Service." Take out of these statements what you see fit.

The manager of radio station WJR, Detroit, has declared that Coughlin's sermons have the approval of Archbishop Edward Mooney, of

Detroit. He ought to know, and his name, Lew Fitzpatrick, suggests that he is of the same church. When the question was put direct to Mooney he gave a typical Hierarchy straddling answer by explaining that "Catholic Church authorities, in passing on writings or utterances, make a clear distinction between permission and approval". The effect of such equivocations is to make honest, straightforward persons certain that the Catholic Church is back of Fascism, body and soul, but doesn't want the name of it until after the game is in the bag.

One of Coughlin's stooge organizations is the so-called "Committee for the Defense of American Constitutional Rights". You can judge of about how much value it would be in preserving American rights when you know that at one of its meetings the 6,000 persons present made the sign of the cross and were led in it by the "Reverend Father" Edward J. Higgins. He and they believe it right to murder persons teaching independently of the Roman Catholic church organization.

Converted to Fascism

Coughlin never stays converted to anything very long. What he really wants is dictatorial power, no matter how he gets it. A year or more ago he proposed the abandonment of the American form of government, and a Fascist system of representation in which the members of the House of Representatives would be elected according to class, as in Italy and Russia. Thus cotton farmers, steel workers, coal miners, doctors, industrialists in each branch of industry, and all other classes, would incorporate and choose their own representatives. People are easier to control "à la chess-board". Divide the country up into such classes (as it was in the Dark Ages, with its various guilds), and all that is necessary is to secretly control the leaders. Can you guess who would do the controlling? See Italy, Germany, Spain.

His magazine said last fall that the only unbiased source of truth is "Father" Coughlin. Do you remember the Italian statement, "Mussolini is always right"? Do you know that that is the way the German people speak of Hitler? During the Ethiopian war Coughlin was all for Mussolini. That tells where his heart is. Mussolini reciprocates: the Italian newspaper *Régime Fascista* praised him to the skies this very year, saying, "It is impossible for Italians not to express their sympathy with this apostle of Christianity."

As Coughlin's sympathies are with Mussolini and with Franco the Butcher, so they are also with the German outfit run by the man who murdered his best friend. The *New York Post* printed, in parallel columns, extracts from Coughlin's talks and those of Goebbels, Hitler's Jesuit-trained propaganda minister, showing their similarities. At the Nazi German American Bund meeting held at Madison Square Garden, New York, February 20, 1939, the mention of Coughlin's name was followed by the greatest ovation of the night. And Coughlin is alleged to have said of Hitler that he is the best Christian in the world.

Converted to Nazism

Not only are whole sections of Coughlin's talks mere translations of Goebbels' preachments to the German people, but he follows Hitler's methods and principles, or lack of them. Thus he has learned that hate is a more powerful motive than love and works it to the limit. He has also learned the force that comes from the hammering reiteration of a few narrow ideas.

The Catholic magazine *The Commonweal* courageously referred to "his cavalier disregard for pertinent historical testimony, his insensitiveness to the consequences of his acts on German and Italian Jews [and] his all too pious acceptance of propaganda from a party whose Fuehrer proudly boasts his machine is based in huge lies".

The *Review of Reviews* said: "It has not escaped the notice of observers that the general contour of his doctrine is oddly similar to that of National Socialism (Hitlerism). Although the Nazi dictator has abandoned virtually the whole of the program which he sold to the German people in 1930, the fact remains that it was excellent political copy."

The *St. Paul Pioneer Press* said of him, "There is no longer any doubt as to what Father Coughlin is up to. This man, who burns with an unpriestly ambition for worldly power, has observed how Hitler arose out of the flames of prejudice; and he does not scruple to belie his sacred office by attempting here in America to arouse a race hatred against the Jews as a means of achieving his purpose. His unctuous disavowals of this purpose, while he utters falsehoods and misrepresentations, do not conceal his meaning, but bring it out more clearly. His technique is to retail Nazi propaganda, and then squirm out of responsibility by professing to deplore it."

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Dr. Harry F. Ward, of New York, chairman of the American League for Peace and Democracy, said of him, "He is constantly slipping over subtle defenses for Hitler and equally subtle suggestions that democracy is not working over here and that Fascism is working better over there" and that his goal is "a controlled totalitarian state in which the church is the ruling force".

When Coughlin made his 14-month retirement from the air, in October, 1937, the *New York Post* said of him, "The more he said, the more clearly he was revealing himself as a sanctimonious stooge for special interests, a reactionary with more than a streak of Fascist ideas."

It is well known in New York that there is an open alliance between Coughlin and the German Bund. On the day before the Bund meeting there was a Coughlin meeting in New York, and at that meeting literature and tickets for the Bund meeting were distributed. At the Bund meeting itself Coughlin was the hero of the day.

His Anti-Semitic Campaign



No man in public life ever told more lies or got caught at them more quickly than Coughlin did when he started his lying campaign against the Jews, and that right in the midst of their horrible sufferings in Germany. He published the so-called "Protocols of Zion", which all now know to be forgeries.

He charged that wealthy American Jews financed the Russian revolution; but Keren-sky, one-time premier of Russia, immediately declared that there was not a single Jew in the first government established by the revolution.

He claimed that the American Secret Service had provided the above information, and that it was included in the unabridged British white paper which he had. Then the chief of the United States Secret Service, Frank J. Wilson, denied that any such report had ever been made, and the British Government, both in London and in New York, produced copies of the original white paper and showed that no such statement had ever been made; and Coughlin had to admit that he did not have the paper, and had never seen it.

Professor Johan Smeretenko convinced radio station WMCA that Coughlin had been broadcasting untruths, and they announced over the air that he had "unfortunately uttered cer-

tain mistakes of fact"—a nice way of telling the world what he is.

He mentioned Kuhn, Loeb & Co. as having had a share in fomenting the Russian revolution; and that concern announced that it had never had any relations, financial or otherwise, with any government in Russia, Czarist, Kerensky or Communist. Then he supposedly quoted from a Jewish magazine to back up one of his statements; and it was seen that he misquoted the article.

Then he charged that present economic distress is due to the international Jewish bankers; and figures were produced showing that only one Jewish banking firm, Kuhn, Loeb & Company, had participated in the loans to which he referred and their share was 2.88 percent of the total. In other words, Coughlin's charge was 97.12 percent false and he is not a 100-percent liar. Neither is Hitler; it is not scientific.

Eddie Cantor, motion picture comedian, said of Coughlin, "Father Coughlin is a great orator, but I doubt that he has a sincere atom in his entire system."

A Friend of Big Business

No person has panned Big Business harder than Coughlin, but he is a personal friend of W. R. Hearst, champion of Fascism in the United States. When he begs over the radio he gets results. When he talks, the people pay for it and are glad to do it. When he lectured in Madison Square Garden the crowd paid from 50 cents to \$2 a head to hear his what some have called "poisonous and inflammatory economic and social nonsense"; yet his gang were not willing that Jehovah's witnesses should have Judge Rutherford lecture to the public FREE, but had to try to break up the meeting.

At the very time Coughlin was blowing about stock market chicanery over the radio, his secretary, without his knowledge, so he says, invested \$20,000 of his surplus funds in such a way as to rake in \$100,000 net on the deal. It is a good thing Coughlin did not know about it, or he would have put in ten times as much.

He is a good cardplayer; sometimes plays until 12:30 a.m.

His first church burned at exactly the right time. How odd! Catholic institutions that have served their time have a habit of burning just when the insurance funds would come in best. This \$30,000 shack went up just as

Coughlin was moving into his million-dollar silo where he now holds forth.

Coughlin says the laborer is on the side of the angels, but when he built his new shrine he refused to have anything to do with union labor, and the wages he paid were 25 percent to 40 percent below trade union rates.

The New Republic stated that "the two most prominent purveyors of lies in the United States at present are Representative Dies and Father Coughlin". Wonder why they said that.

In November, 1935, Coughlin stated: "At no time has it been or will it be our desire to establish a so-called 'third party'." He established such a party within a year thereafter.

He is flexible in his convictions, having been a New Dealer three times. A friend of Roosevelt, he called the president a liar and a scab. A 'lover of labor', he denounced the CIO; and John W. Edelman, of that organization, said of him, "We recognize Father Coughlin as an unscrupulous man." Nothing worse could be said of anybody.

He is conceited beyond the power of language; he has suggested bullets instead of ballots, to put his changing ideas across.

He said, "We Christians with a united front could go forth and do in one year in the United States what Franco accomplished in Spain." His gang tried some of it, on a mild scale, in Madison Square Garden, June 25, 1939.

As showing that this person imagines he is America's future Hitler, he said in his broadcast of January 1, 1939: "Let those who are with us reap the rewards; let those who oppose us by their silence or their action suffer the consequences." That is a typical Hitler threat.

See the Exhibits

Under the engaging title "Charles E. Coughlin: Priest, Gambler, Hypocrite" the Freethinkers of America, in their February (1939) *Bulletin*, published some reproductions from the *Detroit Free Press* showing some of this man's financial transactions. These will be found on pages 18-19, and are well worth examination by anyone who is interested in the peculiar phenomenon holding forth at Royal Oak, Michigan. The fact that there are millions of Americans fallen so low as to pay any attention to a man of this type shows the desperately low moral and intellectual estate of vast numbers of the American people and their need of God's government of peace, truth, honor and justice and love.—Elton Groves.

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Gradually Caving In

◆ Gradually caving in, the New York board of regents finally yielded what they hitherto refused, and now the clique that is out to control the schools and everything else in the state can arrange for the children to be excused from one of the precious thirty hours per week of schooling, so that they may receive religious instruction that "Mary is the mother of God", and that God is so sore at humanity that unless somebody pays his priests well most of them will have to cook for eternity. But if the money is forthcoming to the right bagman, then the poor apes can get to heaven, where they can enjoy the company of the Torquemadas, the Bloody Marys and the Borgias who succeeded in crashing the gate in ages gone.

Who Was to Get Worthless Stock?

◆ A story in the New York *Daily News* is incomplete. It sets forth that a lawyer arranged with Monsignor John M. Kiely to dispose of "some worthless stock held by the priest". The priest gave the lawyer \$500 commission for putting through the deal, and the lawyer gave the priest his check for \$2,600, the price of the stock. Something went wrong. Probably the lawyer could not find any sucker that would pay \$2,600 for the "worthless stock held by the priest". Anyway, the \$2,600 check bounced back and the priest mourns his \$500 paid to the lawyer, and at last reports was trying to get it back. The missing part of the story is a description of the stock, and who was to pay out \$2,600 for what the *News* says was "worthless".

New York's Police Force

◆ The London *Universe* carries the interesting information that of the 18,000 persons on New York's police force 12,000 are Roman Catholics; also that the chaplain of these 12,000, the "Reverend Father" Joseph A. McCaffrey, has been made a lieutenant colonel in the United States Army. Is it the fashion now for city chaplains to be made officers in the United States Army? Why? Also, and

the items may have a relation to one another, there come reports from Washington that the Army is to be "vitalized" by removing 2,300 high-ranking officers from their jobs, and putting younger men in their places. One wonders if the complexion of the Army is to be altered to suit the ambitions of the Hierarchy.

Meat on St. Patrick's Day

◆ St. Patrick, it seems, was not a Roman Catholic, but is nevertheless the patron "saint" of the cathedral and archdiocese of New York. For that reason, on St. Patrick's day, March 17, 1939, Roman Catholics in New York were permitted to eat meat, despite the fact that the day came on Friday. More religious foolishness, of no possible benefit to anybody except the dealers in meat.

Rachel McDowell Again



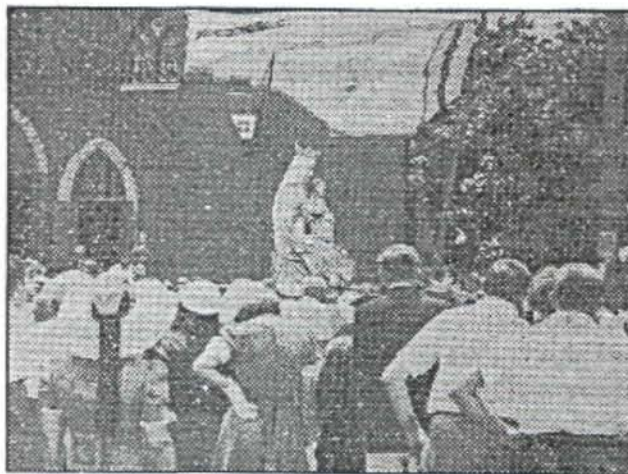
Rachel McDowell, "religious" editor of the New York *Times*, writer of weepy stories about Pope Pius XI's tenderness, etc., has broken loose again. This time she expatiated on the fact that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, which hates American public schools worse than anything else, would stage an annual communion breakfast of a so-called "Board of Education's Bureau of Attendance Catholic League" at which 2,000 guests would be present. While the principal speakers would be members of the Hierarchy, yet the president of the board of education of New York city was expected to be there in all his glory, to give apparent sanction to this un-American organization's activities.

Religious Excitement in Buffalo

◆ Big religious excitement in Buffalo. First, the "Reverend Father" John J. Nash said that "there are certain enemies of religion today who are carrying on their propaganda in these United States against religion", and, "These enemies are not outside the walls clamoring to get in; they are within our gates" and they "avowedly tell us that religion is an antidote, a soporific, invented by the priesthood to quiet the people and prevent them from thinking", and that these tactics are "only a prelude to a campaign of violence designed to destroy religion and the things that spring from it", and that "they're here on the plea of free speech", and "I maintain that we must take action to halt this situation, or avow ourselves foolish before the whole civilized world". Nash says

that "every American is in favor of free speech". He does not say who are these persons who now have free speech, but who should have it taken away, nor does he say who should do the taking.

There was more excitement when, at the same meeting, the "Most Reverend" John A. Duffy made the mistake of saying that Exodus 20:7 is the second commandment. To be sure, it is the second commandment according to his religion, but not according to the Bible, as you can see for yourself if you refer to Exodus 20:4, where anybody may see that the second commandment is, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image," instead of "Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain". Bishop Duffy should throw his religion into the ash can. It is of no good. He should accept Christianity instead. Oh, oh, this is talking against religion, and Nash does not like things like that. Now isn't that just too bad?



"Mary the Mother of God" and "Baby Jesus" honored at Newburgh, N.Y., July 16, 1939, and God dishonored by public idolatry, on Mount Carmel day.

Hierarchy Sore on Spanish Veterans

◆ When the 149 members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade of the Spanish Republic returned from Spain they wanted to place a wreath on what is called the Eternal Light in Madison Square Park, but the Hierarchy was sore at the idea, and so Lieutenant Charles Maura of the New York police department, and Terrence Cusick, one of the employees of the New York City Department of Parks, forbade them to do it. In order not to offend the Hierarchy, the wreath, bearing the title "In memory of those who died for democracy", was placed outside the railing surrounding the base. Another great victory for Franco, the pope and the Devil.

Enlarged Gall Bladder

◆ A certain physician received a series of requests to donate money to the building of a new Catholic hospital. At length he gave up \$100. Then he received a request to purchase tickets at \$10 a ticket. Becoming shy of send-

ing more money, he received another notice to purchase tickets, stating that "this is the second request". Then he received an invitation to a dinner at \$1.50 a plate; this was also ignored. Then a committee called the physician's nurse and told her to remind the doctor that he had not ordered his tickets, and that if he found it impossible to attend the dinner, to please send the money or a subscription anyway, and lastly the same request was made by mail. The physician's wife wants to know—

If all outside of the Catholic church are Communists, Reds and heathen, why do they accept or even want the money which non-Catholics have?

"Shall Our Hearts Remain Cold?"

◆ The Scripture declaration is that "the dead know not any thing" (Ecclesiastes 9:5), and that when a person dies "his thoughts perish" (Psalm 146:4), which fully explains why people working the worst of all rackets do all possible to discourage the common people from possess-

ing the Scriptures, or using them. Martin J. Blake, C.M., Our Lady of Angels Novena, Niagara University, N. Y., writes as follows, and you can either believe what he says or believe the Scriptures. Take your choice. It is a free country, and if you wish to believe something that is not true, and that will never do you or anybody else the least bit of good here or hereafter, just go right ahead and support the racket:

Hopefully and expectantly the Souls in Purgatory look to us for help. Because we do not see them suffer, shall our hearts remain cold? Because we do not hear them plead, shall our ears remain deaf?

The big idea is to come across with a dollar. You can imagine who gets the dollar, and how much good it will do to people that are asleep in death.

Monks Find Their Tongues

◆ The monks of the Trappist Monastery of Mount St. Bernard, England, do not gener-

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ally indulge in talking. Only with permission and on special occasions do they engage in conversation. Such a special occasion arose when their new church was on show and many visitors came to look it over, including numerous girls (wearing trousers, slacks and shorts) who wandered all over the monastery grounds. The monks generally consider conversation a sin (and maybe it is in their case), but on this occasion the salutary association with normal people made things all right. The monks could talk to the ladies without sinning.

Best They Could Do

◆ The Roman Hierarchy is often embarrassed in its attempts to place its own men in the key positions of the world, and so compromise is frequently necessary. It is therefore of interest that the new British ambassador to the United States is not an out-and-out Roman Catholic, as is the American ambassador to Britain. The most that can be said, in his case, is that his father was a Roman Catholic. He is, however, an admirer of Hitler and will be very useful to both the Hierarchy and Hitler in his new position. He thinks Britain should pay the U.S. what it has borrowed, and is not at all wrong in his view that this would put Britain in a mighty lot better standing in this country than it now occupies.

A Mere Oversight

◆ An ad soliciting funds for the building of the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral (Catholic) states that those who donate £1 will have their names subscribed in a book of remembrance. It quotes Malachi 3:16, but examination of the verse fails to reveal any mention of the money consideration. A mere oversight, perhaps. The ad further states that "for all time this book will remain within the precincts of a Glorious Temple". In these days of bombs and air raids it is best not to be too sure of that.

Noyes' Book Now Approved

◆ Noyes' book *Voltaire* has been condemned by the Vatican, but as they gave no explanation of their condemnation, he went ahead with its publication anyway. Seeing they could not bluff him, the Hierarchy compromised, and a preface explaining the "difficulty" makes the book acceptable. It wouldn't do to antagonize the British reading public at this juncture.

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Skillful Publicity Work

◆ No matter how much honest people may hold its lack of principle in utter contempt, there are few who, if they knew the facts, could withhold a measure of admiration (Rev. 17:6) at the skillful manner in which the Roman Hierarchy used the pictures of victims slain by Franco's hordes to obtain money for Franco's cause. Sailing under a name as misleading as its cause, and by the use of 3,000 passes, the so-called "American Committee for Spanish Relief" managed to get 12,000 people to attend their pageant in Madison Square Garden. They had previously advertised widely that 20,000 would be there. Is America's capacity for propaganda shrinking?

Reporters Embarrassed

◆ Reporters were embarrassed when suddenly, on an evening in midsummer, 200 boys at the New York Catholic Protectory, 1900 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, began shouting and smashing windows, declaring that they were whipped frequently and denied the freedom to which they were entitled. It seems that somebody sent for the police and the reporters could not understand why Deputy Inspector John S. Burke refused to give them any information about the affair.

One of the boys tossed out a note reading as follows:

At 5:30 a boy got hit for nothing he do so we took matters into our own hands this place is worse than singing the brothers dogs eat better stuff than us so please print this we got a week in the cell full of rats eat hard bread and water.

New Form of Ouija Board

◆ A new form of ouija board, called a lie-detector, may soon come into use. It is the invention of the "Reverend Father" Summers of the Roman Catholic Fordham University, New York, and was written up at length by John McClain in the *New York Journal and American*. The machine is supposed to be able to distinguish between different kinds of fear. Its evidence has already been accepted in one of the New York courts. The record is that "the defendant was declared not guilty almost solely because of the mute testimony of the device". If it can make a guilty man innocent, it can do the reverse, and opens up fine prospects of a new line of torture for those who seek to maintain their integrity in this evil day.

Must Study Geography

◆ There is nothing like getting your geography lesson right if you wish to shorten your days in "Purgatory" or some other place like it that does not exist. That seems to be the drift of Cardinal Mundelein's order that Roman Catholics of his diocese might eat all the meat they wished on Friday, December 31, 1937, but only if they stayed within the diocese. On one side of the diocese border roast ham was O.K.; on the other side it was fish or "Purgatory". If the man was just on the line when he ate, then it all depended on which side of him or which end of him was on the diocese side of the line. Suppose his head was in the diocese and the rest of his body outside, he could eat ham; but if his head was over the line and his body in the diocese, he must eat fish. It would make a big difference to God. And it helps lots in studying geography.

Mother Cabrini of the Nobility

◆ The business of making a "saint" out of Mother Cabrini progresses. It will cost lots of money; it always does. Back in the days of the apostles anybody could be a saint, but the apostles were simple persons. They never even thought of the possibilities of graft in the saint business. It is not denied that Mother Cabrini founded seven convents; nobody has to be a saint to do that. And she was of the Lombard nobility, and that doesn't make a saint out of anybody, nor does even her residence in Chicago. What will make her a "saint", and the only thing that will do it, is that enough persons come across with the coin to make the performance worth while. A show can't be run for nothing.

"Reverend" Hayes Decently Married

◆ On his death it was brought to light that the "Reverend Father" William R. Hayes, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Newburgh, N. Y., had been decently married for two years before his death. The facts came out when it was learned that all but \$1 of this \$80,000 estate was left to his wife. The natives of Virginia Beach, Va., did not know that he was a Roman Catholic priest, and the Roman Catholics of Newburgh, N. Y., did not know he was married, and so he managed to get along. As he left nothing for the repose of his soul in "purgatory", it is likely that he was familiar with the Bible truth that the dead are dead and that there is no such place as "purgatory".

The Pro-Fascist Catholic Press

◆ The Catholic press makes no effort to conceal that it is pro-Fascist. It well knows that it is the heart and soul of the whole totalitarian scheme of government. The London *Catholic Herald* ran a feature article by J. L. Benvenuti (probably a priest) in which the theme, set in an artistic box in the center of the story, was the catch-phrase:

Totalitarian governments are carrying out measures which, democracies carefully avoid suggesting, could be utilized all over the world.

Smearing It On

◆ How they love to smear on the big figures. The London *Catholic Herald* said of the four-hour ceremony of the pope putting on his three-story hat that "it is estimated that 500,000,000 people were listening". The next inquiry is, Who made the estimate? and the answer is that it must have been somebody that is insane; for no person of sound sense would imagine it for a minute. That is more than one-fourth of all the people in the world, and they speak 3,500 languages.

Vatican Piggery Plundered by the Pigs!

◆ In Pierre van Paassen's *Days of Our Years*, concerning conditions as he saw them in Spain, occurs (on page 425) the following paragraph:

I had seen religious processions in 1931, one in Seville and one in Saragossa, still another in Caceres, a small town where there were thirty-eight monasteries, the one standing next to the other in an endless row like the cathedrals in the Kremlin of Moscow, processions carrying a golden-diademed statue of the Virgin which was literally buried under jewels, diamonds, rubies, smaragds and other precious stones, including decorations and stars of the kind worn by victorious generals and diplomats on their gala uniforms. Priests in golden vestments walked under baldachins of purple and damask, swinging censers of silver and filigree, preceded by banners of silk and jewel-studded croziers, surrounded by lace-wearing acolytes, train bearers and boys in violet soutanes carrying glittering boxes containing relics, followed by a monstrosity of a value of three million pesetas that burst upon the eye like a cluster of diamonds. And looking on, pouring from the putrid alleys of the Triana quarter in Seville, and saluting the Real Presence by dropping on their knees, I had seen the hollow-cheeked, ragged, barefooted Magdalenes, the disheveled women, the unkempt hungry children, the very flesh and blood of Jesus.

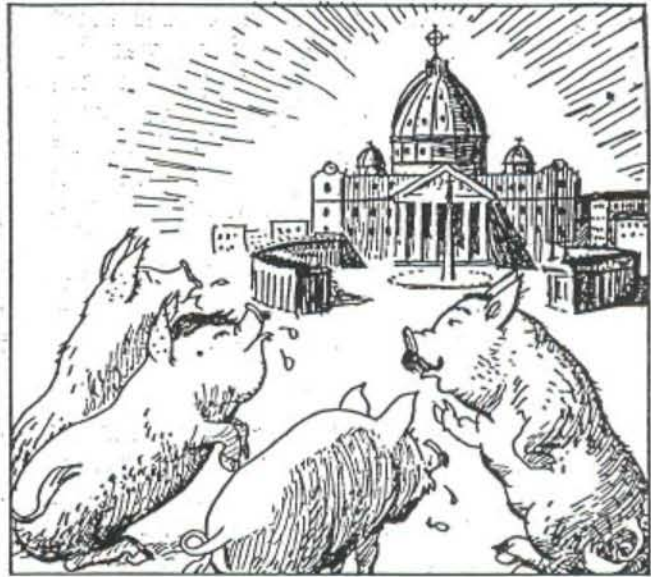
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To the extent of the Vatican pig's ability conditions like these prevail or have prevailed throughout "Christendom", and it is the pig's desire and intent to establish them everywhere, including Britain and America.

A book, written by a judge of one of the courts of Mexico (which book is now in possession of the president of the WATCHTOWER

BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY), states that for each year, over a period of years prior to the smashing of the Hierarchy there, the poor people of Mexico contributed 30 million dollars in gold to the Vatican. If poor Mexico did that, what do rich United States, Canada and other countries do?

The cartoonist speaks in symbol:



SCENE ONE: Hitler, Mussolini and Franco have all the political aid they can get out of the old sow, and they begin to look for more fertile fields.

SCENE TWO: Stalin joins the other three. Together they have cleaned up the Jews. They look inquiringly at each other and Stalin points to the Vatican, and away they go.

SCENE THREE: The rooting progresses, and the gold treasure is uncovered which the totalitarians

expect to use for further conquest of territory. The sow's dream is gone, and she weeps bitterly.

SCENE FOUR: The spoil is divided, and they get into a row because the division is not equal, and they fight it out among themselves, destroying each other. This follows the desolation of the "old whore"; "for God hath put [it] in their hearts to fulfill his will."—Revelation 17:17.

(To be continued)

'His Torch of Greed to the Edifice of Our Prosperity'

(Excerpt from Father Coughlin's Radio Address of Sunday)

NICOL-FORD & CO.
INVESTMENT
BONDS

BROKER	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT	STAMP	COMM'S	NET AMOUNT	CUSTOMER
W. P. MURPHY & CO.	200	KELSEY WHEEL	31 1/2	6,200.00	8.00	30.00	6,642.00	AS 510
								GC
W. P. MURPHY & CO.	100	KELSEY WHEEL	31 1/2	3,100.00	4.00	15.00	3,231.00	AS 610
								GC
W. P. MURPHY & CO.	100	KELSEY WHEEL	31 1/2	3,100.00	4.00	15.00	3,231.00	AS 610
								GC

Above are presented photostatic copies of three sales invoices, through which Father Coughlin, the radio priest, disposed of stock purchased through the National Bank of Commerce, later absorbed by the Guardian Detroit Union Group, Inc., and operated as a branch of the Guardian National Bank of Commerce. Invoices show the sales made through Nicol-Ford & Co., brokers.

Time and again in his radio addresses, Father Charles E. Coughlin has thundered in the tones of a prophet of doom about "throwing the money changers out of the temple" and using such colorful and poetic phrases about people and policies he didn't like as "seeking the fleshpots of Egypt," "a crap game played with other people's money," "his torch of greed to the edifice of our prosperity," etc., etc. To the simple minded, his denunciations made them believe that he must be epitome of virtue, self-denial with no interest save that of suffering, enslaved humanity.

But other humble people who, however, knew their Shakespeare well became a little suspicious of all this noise—"methinks the man doth protest too much." They started a little investigation of the good father's—not private life—but private bank accounts. The results were more startling than they could have imagined.

This hypocritical priest who was so vitriolic against stock-market gamblers, bankers and others in that category was playing the stock-market himself. The nickels, dimes and dollar bills that he collected from his gullible listeners, ostensibly for the Shrine of the Little Flower, were tossed as so much chicken feed in the greedy jaws of the stock-market exchange and as quickly devoured.

On this page we reprint from the Detroit Free Press of March 29, 1933, some photostatic copies of Coughlin's bank and stock-market accounts which show irrefutably his gambling activities.

'A Crap Game Played with Other People's Money'

(Excerpt from Father Coughlin's Radio Address of Sunday)

Paine, Webber & Company
100 PENOBSCOT BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.

No. A21180

For Delivery 2-27-29

BOUGHT for your account and risk according to the rules of the Boston, New York & Chicago Stock Exchanges

BROKER	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT	STAMP	COMM'S	NET AMOUNT
	500	KELSEY HAYES WHEEL	60	30000.00		87.50	30087.50
							2339
							3011089

Here is a photostatic copy of the purchase order for 500 shares of stock in the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Corp., executed by the National Bank of Commerce (now the Guardian National Bank of Commerce), for Father Charles E. Coughlin. The stock was later sold through the Nicol-Ford brokerage house, and in the transaction the radio priest lost in excess of \$13,000.

What Coughlin Stands For

◆ The initials "S.J." stand for "Society of Jesus (Jesuits)" and for *Social Justice*, the organ of "Father" Coughlin. Probably the one "S.J." furnishes the copy for the other.

"Father" Coughlin tells of the alleged aims of his paper. He says:

Social justice has specified principles. [Don't ask who specified them.] First, it is Christian [anti-Jewish]. Second, it is social [devoted to gambling on a colossal scale with the money entrusted to it by America's biggest and most trusting bunch of suckers]. Thirdly, it is active [as shown by the disorders and threats that have accompanied its spread in New York city]. And

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'Seeking the Flesh Pots of Egypt'

(Excerpt from Father Coughlin's Radio Address of Sunday)

DIRECT LIABILITY

NAME CHAS E COUGHLIN

LINE OF CREDIT

ADDRESS 12 MI RD & WOODWARD

DATE	NO.	AMOUNT	ENDORSEMENT	DATE	DATE PAID	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
1929								
10 587 50	MAR 4	C20029	500 SH KELSEY HAYES WHEEL CORP	JUN 3	JUN 11	10 587 50		10 587 50
10 587 50	JUN 11	C2192	500 SH KELSEY HAYES WHEEL CORP	SEP 3	SEP 4	10 587 50	10 587 50	10 587 50
10 587 50	SEP 4	C2331	500 SH KELSEY HAYES WHEEL CORP	DEC 2	DEC 3	10 587 50	10 587 50	10 587 50
10 587 50	OCT 11	C24003	150 SH KELSEY HAYES WHEEL	JAN 7	JAN 9	2 112 00		12 699 50
12 699 50	NOV 2	C24420	100 SH PACKARD MOTOR CAR CO COM	JAN 31	FEB 4	1 125 80		13 825 30
13 825 30	NOV 8	C2331	PART PAYMENT				2 000 00	11 825 30
11 825 30	DEC 3	C24878	588 SH KELSEY HAYES WHEEL CORP	MAR 3	MAR 4	8 587 50		11 825 30
11 825 30	JAN 9	C25393	150 SH KELSEY HAYES WHEEL CORP	APR 7	APR 10	2 112 00	2 112 00	11 825 30
11 825 30	FEB 4	C25800	100 SH PACKARD MOTOR CAR CO COM	MAY 1	MAR 27	1 125 80	1 125 80	11 825 30
11 825 30	MAR 4	C26139	588 SH KELSEY HAYES WHEEL CORP	JUNE 2	MAR 7	8 587 50	8 587 50	11 825 30
11 825 30	MAR 7	C26139	SENT TO HIGHLAND PARK TRUST CO				8 587 50	3 237 80
3 237 80	MAR 27	C25800	PART PAYMENT				1 125 80	1 869 97
1 869 97	APR 10	C26628	738 SH KELSEY HAYES WHEEL CO	MAY 7	APR 24	1 901 21	1 869 97	1 901 21
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The discount liability ledger sheet of Father Coughlin's brokerage account with the National Bank of Commerce (now the Guardian National). It covers transactions in Kelsey-Hayes and Packard stocks covering a period of more than a year. Funds deposited to the credit of the League of the Little Flower account were transferred to meet payments upon some of these stock transactions.

The items on these pages are taken from *The Detroit Free Press* of March 29, 1933.

Here appears a photostatic copy of Father Charles E. Coughlin's daily balances in the National Bank of Commerce, succeeded by the Guardian National Bank of Commerce, for the period indicated. On March 19, 1931, he withdrew \$40,084.04. In the photostatic copy the initial numeral "4" does not appear in the left-hand column, third figure from the bottom, which erroneously reads "0,084.04."

'Smart Money'

(Excerpt From Father Coughlin's Radio Address of Sunday)

NAME

NO.

Coughlin, Chas. E.

11736

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WITHDRAWALS	DEPOSITS	INTEREST	DATE	BALANCE
				3.01
	1,460.00		MAR 25 '29	1,463.61
	1,400.00		APR 20 '29	2,863.61
1,400.00	2,000.00		APR 22 '29	1,463.61
	4,000.00		APR 27 '29	3,463.61
800.00	✓ 1.03		MAY 9 '29	7,463.61
2,646.00			JUN 11 '29	7,464.64
2,800.00			JUN 3 '29	6,064.64
2,200.00			JUN 11 '29	4,018.64
	1,000.00		JUN 27 '29	1,218.64
	10,000.00		JUL 5 '29	981.36
	5,000.00		JUL 6 '29	18.64
15,143.33			DEC 11 '29	18.82
1,793.00			MAR 4 '30	10,018.82
	75.27		APR 11 '30	15,018.82
6,654.50			APR 14 '30	30,162.15
2,348.57			MAY 20 '30	31,955.15
8,092.29			JUN 11 '30	32,030.42
2,000.00			JUN 6 '30	38,684.92
5,000.00			JUN 7 '30	32,030.42
1 DEC 11			JUN 10 '30	53,516.20
	23.234		JUN 10 '30	27,423.91
0,084.04			JUL 11 '30	15,423.91
	24.21		NOV 20 '30	10,423.91
DEC 11			DEC 11	10,656.25
JUN 11			JAN 21 '31	40,656.25
666.26			MAR 19 '31	572.21
9.99			JUN 11	656.42
			DEC 11	666.26
			JUN 11	676.25
			JUN 6 '32	9.99
			JUN 6 '32	.00

fourthly, it is militant [eager to pick a fight on peaceable and decent people engaged in minding their own affairs, as was attempted at Madison Square Garden on June 25, 1939].

Coughlin prophesies of himself thusly:

If I threw away and renounced my faith I would

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surround myself with the most adroit highjackers, learn every trick of the highest bank and stock manipulations, avail myself of the laws under which to hide my own crimes, create a smoke-screen to throw into the eyes of men, and—believe me—I would become the world's champion crook.



Witnessing to Prisoners

◆ We are having grand privileges of witnessing to prisoners in a prison here in the mountains where 70 percent of the prisoners are Catholics. When we asked for a permit we were sent to the Protestant chaplain, which we considered evidence of the Lord's leading. We have now had the sound-car within the walls twice, and have run the lectures "Fascism or Freedom" and "Fill the Earth". Many of the prisoners came up after the lectures, to get some literature, and we gave out some 150 pieces, and put 10 bound books in the prison library.

One of the prisoners approached the car and said:

I want to congratulate you people for having the courage to do and say the things you have done and said here today, and not only here, but everywhere. I have never seen anything like it elsewhere. Wherever you people are located, you always boldly express your belief without fear. That takes courage. The others don't have it. I guess you are the only people in the world that have the courage to declare your doctrines fearlessly.

Another peculiarly interesting thing was the conduct of a man who seemed to us at first to be showing an uncanny interest in what we were doing. We thought he might be intending mischief among his fellows, but were pleasantly surprised, when the lecture was over, to find that he knows something of the Scriptures, and was bearing up the standard of truth to his comrades.

We are thankful to Jehovah for the privilege of carrying the message of freedom and life to the men inside these walls.—L. M. Feaster, zone servant.

Could Never Do It

◆ The *Northwest Review* (Catholic) is very much mistaken in thinking it can get Catholic people to do what Jehovah's witnesses are doing. It cannot be done. Only an overwhelming love for the Creator and a determination to do His will at all costs would ever persuade any to do what the *Review* contemplates when it says:

If Jehovah's witnesses can push their campaign we can be just as aggressive. They are not satisfied to stand outside the door of the home. They go in to the family and teach their doctrines to children and adults. They send teachers and missionaries into schools, colleges, factories, lumber camps and into every nook and corner of society.



Pupils at Kingdom School, Westgate-on-Kent, England

At the County Seat

◆ At the county seat of this county the leading citizen of importance in industry was called upon. Our mission was explained, but not without a barrage of questions: "This costs a lot of money; who is paying you? Are you Communists?" We explained that we are not, but are exposing

Fascism in this country; whereupon the gentleman exploded with the statement, "The Fascists are doing a better job in Europe than we are here. I would rather see Fascism in this country than to have things as they are now." This man owns half the town; together with the cotton mills. Fascism would be a convenient way for him to settle his labor troubles.

The postmaster was visited, but after we left his office he stepped out and called us back. He said, "I see here something about the Catholic Church. Would you give me your name and address?" Why, certainly we would; but just why did he want such information? He explained in brief that it was a regulation that whenever someone left literature he was to get their names. We remarked that this had all the earmarks of Fascism, and wished to know by whom and why such an order had been given. He became very flustered and said that the information was for his own knowledge, thus contradicting himself in less than half a minute.

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One of the leading lawyers was visited. Having found out who we are he became very friendly, and, even though his office was full, gave us every attention, saying, "I know your work: you are doing the best work in the world; keep it up." Later we were told that this same lawyer, speaking to a clergyman, asked him who was going to take care of hell after the Devil is destroyed. The clergyman was unable to answer, but was quickly instructed by our lawyer friend that the clergy would get the job.—A. G. Hill, pioneer.

A Thrill in Montana

◆ The other day Alice came back to the car and said:

Remember the lady who wrote to *Consolation* about the canaries and dogs, and how they behaved on hearing Judge Rutherford's speech? Well, I just had two deer come out on the edge of the clearing by the log cabin, and stand and listen. The owner said they were wild deer.

We are working almost entirely in rural territory, with lots of driving on steep, narrow mountain roads, and many poor people. There are very few towns, and what there are are very small, yet the increase in the "great multitude" seems to appear. In this rural, mountain territory we have encouraged the people to secure the *Model Study* booklet, with *Uncovered* and *Protection*, so as to continue their studying when we are gone. This is a very poor country, but Alice and I are doing pretty well. After all, our main object is to advertise the Kingdom; and we are doing that.

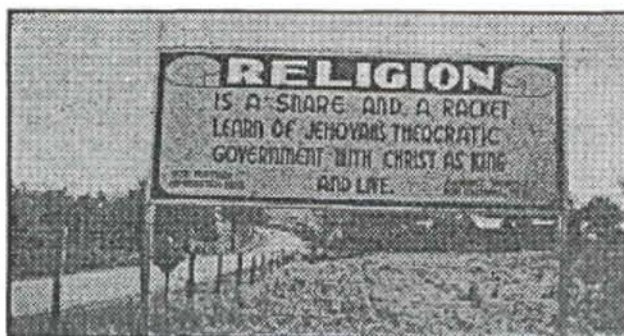
We have been living in bunkhouses on ranches, in boxcar-houses, tourist camps. Hope to get a little trailer-house soon.

We have come in contact with a movement, "Mankind United," which claims to be working with the Watchtower. [No connection with the work here.—Ed.]—Jean Barnes.

"Out of the Mouth of Babies"

◆ My little girl is five years old, and attends the kindergarten. A few days ago the teacher had the class stand for flag salute. Tr—— began to cry. When asked what was the mat-

ter she answered: "I do not want to salute the flag." The teacher had her sit down, and later called her into another room, asking why she did not wish to salute the flag. Tr—— answered, "I do not want to be on the Devil's side, because God is going to destroy all that are on the Devil's side. If I salute the flag I'll be on the Devil's side." The teacher asked, "What church does your mother go to?" Tr—— answered, "She doesn't go to church; she goes to a class where she studies the Bible so she'll know how to be on God's side. And my Aunt B—— plays records for people so they can be on God's side, too." The teacher kissed her and told her to just stand still but not to say anything then.



A sign of the times in Tennessee

Several days later Tr—— took *Protection* to the teacher, asking her to read it all and look up the scriptures, too. At this point I entered. The teacher said: "Tr—— was just showing me her little book. You know the funniest thing happened the other day

during flag salute, etc. What religion do you belong to?" I then explained that we did not belong to a religion; that there was a vast difference between religion and Christianity. I told her that the booklet *Protection* explains the difference between religion and Christianity, and asked if she wished to read it. She answered: "I should like to very much." I told her that I would have to hurry on, as I had left my aunt playing a series of records, and must pick her up. The teacher then said: "Oh yes, Tr—— was telling me about them. Just what are they?" I then explained and asked her if she wished to hear them. She said: "Yes, as soon as I have read the booklet I'll let you know when I can hear them."—A mother in Kansas.

Humphrey Believes in Freedom of Speech

◆ Henry Humphrey, general manager, *Texarkana Gazette*, believes in freedom of speech for the Catholic Hierarchy, but not for Jehovah's witnesses. In his paper he says, in an editorial in which he makes a bold stand for equal rights of all to the protection of the

government: "All the people, and not a single group," should receive the government's protection in their rights. And then, as the manager of radio station KCMC, he refused to allow Jehovah's witnesses to broadcast the "Exposed" series of lectures, subsequently run in this magazine. In other words, the Hierarchy has rights which must be recognized and respected, but Jehovah's witnesses have no rights whatever. Consistency, thou art a jewel.

Jew-Catholic Boycott of a Barber

◆ For ten years I was a popular and well-liked barber in a wholesale shoe district. Having my own shop, at 141 W. Broadway, New York city, I was glad to advertise the Kingdom and made mention of it whenever opportunity presented itself. During the *Cure* booklet campaign a Jewish relative of one of the shoe concerns (Mr. Lapidus, of the A. S. Beck Shoe Co.) mentioned that one of Jehovah's witnesses had called upon him and placed the book *Enemies* with him. At that time he seemed very pleased to have obtained it, but a week later came in, hot and bothered, complaining of the statement on page 281 which partly reads, "Amongst her instruments that she uses are ultraselfish men called Jews who only look for selfish gain, and who therefore readily yield to and join with the Hierarchy in any unrighteous schemes."

I endeavored to explain, but he would not have it so, said he would have some one else to read it, and just then there "happened" to come in a Catholic associate, an executive in the same shoe concern. He read the paragraphs, became even more infuriated, slammed the book down, and said he would not patronize a place that supported such sentiments. That same day the workers of the shoe concern were called together, and told to boycott my shop. Not content with cutting off my trade from their own employees, they sent out to surrounding shoe jobbers, asking them and their workers to boycott me. I tried to stick it out, and called on some parties to use their

influence to alleviate the situation, but finally had to sell out. The partnership in boycott between the Jews and Catholics accomplished its purpose. Now I have work in another line, with shorter hours, and am able to put in more time in the Kingdom work, for which I am grateful to the Giver of every good and perfect gift.—Joseph La Placa.

Lo! the Poor Indian!

◆ I am an Indian, living on one of the Indian reservations. As a follower of Jehovah God I feel that I ought to express my feelings. I have read a good many of Judge Rutherford's books; the one called *Enemies* caught my eye. God gave me understanding of what I read. I used to be a Catholic, when I was a young girl, but God saved me from that awful delusion. I have been out several times with the books among my people, and left the book *Enemies* with the chief. A Bible study is held at my home every Friday evening, and I am making progress in the knowledge of the truth.—Mrs. Helen Carpenter, New York.



Information marchers, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ready for action

In a St. George Restaurant

◆ In a St. George, Staten Island, restaurant, one day in spring, a young woman was dining next to a table at which were four men. One of the men wanted the work of Jehovah's witnesses stopped. Another protested, "I would not want to have a hand in stopping them. If what they say is true, just think of what will happen to anyone who tries to silence them."

At this point a priest walked in. All got up and greeted him respectfully and then one mentioned the above conversation. He looked annoyed, and dismissed it with the expression, "Oh, that stuff!"

The conversation turned to politics. One of the men said, "But the Church is prominent in politics." With a lordly gesture the priest this time said, "Of course. It is the duty of the Church to lead the poor misguided people in all things."

The conversation turned again to the original topic, and the priest this time said, "In a little while, you won't hear a peep out of these Jehovah's witnesses."

This was too much for the young woman, now through with her meal. She got up, bowed politely and said, "Gentlemen, that's what you think," and walked out.

Tableau vivant.

When Dictators Become Funny

◆ If anything is funnier than a dictator trying to defend his illegal actions, what is it? Take Frank Hague, illegal boss of Jersey City. Defending his course of lawlessness, and drawing upon his imagination for reasons that would help him to limp still farther in his crooked way, he publicly accused Abraham J. Isserman, attorney of Newark, N. J., of having Communistic leanings and set down as one reason that he had been guilty of—

defending two school children who were ousted from school for refusing to salute the American flag on religious grounds.

Everybody knows that if there is anything anathema to Communists it is the Word of God; they have as little use for it as has Frank Hague. What Isserman was "guilty" of was defending two little children in their educational rights because they love God and reverence His Word. Just to have the record clear it should be explained that these little folks were simply Christians, and not "religious" in the sense of having any connection with scribes, Pharisees, priests, ministers, or other hypocrites, like Hague himself. Hague is religious, but not a Christian. He gave \$75,000 at one time to one of the "religious" outfits of Newark, and did it out of a \$6,000 a year salary at that. But that was easy for Hague, Jersey City's ex-patrolman.

Why the Persecution?

◆ S. K. Bryson, in the *Baltimore Evening Sun*, is just not able to see why anybody should be persecuted for being conscientious in the matter of worshiping Almighty God. He asks:

Why this fear of and inane desire to coerce these children of Jehovah's witnesses? It can never be said they are Communists, Reds, etc., because in every instance upon investigation it has been found their parents are thoroughly law-abiding, God-fearing people. Investigation has disclosed also they place God above and before everything else. Hence, their refusal to salute the flag, not because they disrespect the flag, but rather because they fear to disrespect God. Surely parents of that sort are not likely to raise incorrigible, dangerous children. Then why the persecution?

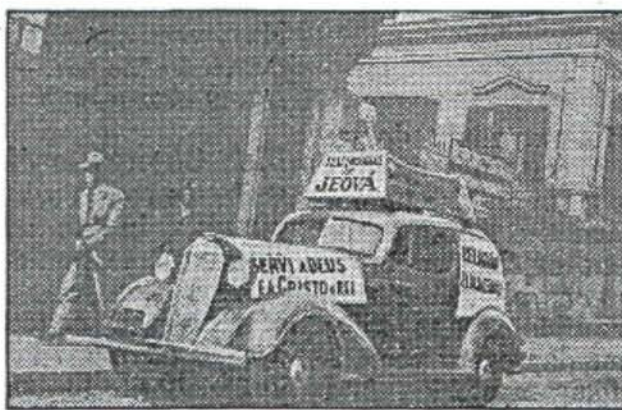
What Would Happen?

◆ You wonder what would happen to the nation in time of war if all Americans refused to salute. If every American refused to salute for the same reason that Jehovah's witnesses refuse, namely, because of complete devotion to Jehovah, and obedience to His Word, then no nation nor combination of nations, however strong, could prevail against America, for it would then be a Christian nation, and the Bible says, "Blessed is that

nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33, 12. Douay (Catholic) version, Psalm 32, 12.

This blessedness and safety would belong to any nation which truly served the Lord. His witnesses are in every country on the earth, and do not salute any flag in any land. The Scriptures state that no nation on earth today is worthy to endure, because each has broken the everlasting covenant of Jehovah concerning the sanctity of human life. This is all explained in the twenty-fourth chapter of Isaiah. War has shed the blood of many innocents, and in the battle of Armageddon, which rapidly approaches, Jehovah God himself will take vengeance on the nations because of their wholesale slaughter of human lives. The people of God on earth will take no part in that day of vengeance; they now merely proclaim its approach, warning the people to take their stand on the side of the Lord, loving Him and trusting Him for preservation when His destruction of the wicked in the earth begins.—Ernest Genske, in the *Post Gazette*.

(To be continued)



Sound-car at Sao Paulo, Brazil

Denizens of Sea and Air

How Passenger Pigeons Were Destroyed

◆ Ornithologists and many others lament the complete destruction of passenger pigeons by ruthless and cruel man. The way this was accomplished was, largely, to catch a live pigeon, sew his eyes shut with silk thread, and place him on a stool in the woods. When a flock of pigeons came in sight he was jerked off his stool. His comrades from the skies came to see what was wrong with him and flew about him in short circles. Crafty man dropped over the group a huge net previously arranged, and hundreds more were caught, either to be slain or themselves used as "stool pigeons"—whence the name given to informers.

Marching to the Sea

◆ Just as sure as day follows night do we know that precisely on a certain day next May millions of crabs are going to rise up out of their holes on Crab island and march to the sea. Why every single one of these millions upon millions of crustaceans should, simultaneously, feel this irrepressible urge to strike out for the sea on the same day every year, is one of Nature's most baffling mysteries. And the wonder of it is, they never miscalculate! The power that governs this movement is as undeviating as that which rules the planets of the universe. And when this urge over-



takes them, nothing can stop them; houses, cliffs—nothing; for the West Indian land crabs march straight as an arrow to their destination.

When this frantic march is on they climb over any obstacle that happens to be in their way. Even at the peril of their own lives they will clamber over cliffs and hedges rather than go around them. Houses are not even considered mild obstacles to these marching crustaceans. They creep in at the windows, climb over the beds and furniture, and emerge on the other side.

Their movement looks as if the whole surface of the ground were in motion. The earth is so thickly blanketed with them that it is a physical impossibility to walk without treading upon them. And the noise they make has often been likened to the din of cavalry troops in action. When these crabs are on the march, all animals beat a hasty retreat, for no living creature is safe in their path. Even the crabs

themselves are in great danger from their own kind. If one of them happens to fall and injure its legs, it is immediately eaten up by the horde.

This is their nuptial march, and when they reach the sea they immediately plunge into the water to bathe and lay their eggs. The eggs wash ashore and in due time are hatched.

When the young crabs come out every tree root for miles around is densely covered with them. They remain near the seashore until old enough to travel, then they move inland from one to three miles and dig holes in the hills. In these holes they live until the next May, when again it is time for another frantic march to the sea.—Wesley A. Grout, in *Our Dumb Animals*.

Fish Objects to His Prison

◆ In the New York aquarium an eight-pound weakfish, in the same tank with 99 others, concluded he would prefer the open sea. He made a good jump, went through two plates of glass each one-eighth of an inch thick, and headed off toward Sandy Hook; but he was not built for aviation, and so, with a badly hammered snout, he landed on the aquarium floor seven feet below and was ignominiously caught and placed back in his glass prison.

Plenty of Herring

◆ There seems to be plenty of food for man. On one day the fishers at Yarmouth landed 12,000,000 herring. This abundant catch nearly ruined the herring industry, although only a member of the Devil's organization could explain why an abundant supply should ruin anything.

Unexpected Movement of Fish

◆ In the summer of 1938 the British fleet visited the Adriatic sea and, as usual, threw the refuse food overboard. The result, quite unexpected, was that schools of tunny fish followed the fleet and the catches off the Dalmatian coast were the largest in history.

The Smallest Eel

◆ What is probably the world's smallest eel was recently discovered off Cuba. It has a body tapering off to the size of the smallest thread, and a head only a little larger. A similar eel is found in New Guinea.

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United States Government

Confuses Religion and Christianity

◆ Of course, the president was confused when he said in his message to Congress (and it was the only time such a thing was ever said by any American president) that religion and democracy are linked together as one and the same thing, and worth fighting for with all the national power. Christianity is the will of God, as expressed in His Word, and is indeed a proper objective for any people. But religion originated with the Devil, and consists merely in compliance with the forms and ceremonies and practices of tradition, and is actually against God. At the time of the World War the German kaiser (though certainly not a Christian—for no militarist is that) was one of the most religious persons in the world. He was then, and perhaps still is, an ordained minister of the official German Lutheran Church. Did that make him democratic? Washington newspaper correspondents took note of the fact that Roosevelt's discovery that religion and democracy are one and the same thing followed a week in which he was extremely engaged with the clergy, from Mundelein down. The clergy know why they are just now very much concerned about this matter of religion, and so do Jehovah's witnesses, who have been circulating *Face the Facts*.

Uncle Sam Did Not Know

◆ Uncle Sam did not know when he sallied forth in 1917 to "make the world safe for democracy" that Italy had been promised part of Austria, Rumania had been promised part of Hungary, Serbia had been promised part of Austro-Hungary, France had been prom-

ised Alsace Lorraine, Poland had been promised parts of Austria and Germany, and the determination had been made to create a new nation out of what became Czechoslovakia, but was formerly Germany and Austria. All the treaty of Versailles accomplished was to ratify deals made before Uncle Sam was enticed into the fight. After he was in he was told what he must agree to.



Let us give thanks that we live in a day of homely honesty and forthright dealings between nations

Cordell Hull Denounces Fascism

We know that in much of the world trust in any form of agreement has completely vanished; that might has stated that it would have its way, recognizing no equal except might. We know that ordinary ends of living are being subordinated to an effort to create vast, terrifying military machines, whose first purpose might be to create terror and whose only final use could be to cause the ruin of the world. Such is the world we have to deal with.—Cordell Hull, U. S. secretary of state, at Lima Conference.

The Kellogg Peace Pact

◆ Since the world powers agreed ten years ago that war is illegal and unjustifiable some 1,500,000 humans were slain in Spain, 1,000,000 in China, 100,000 in the Chaco, and 55,000 in Ethiopia, and at least \$10,000,000,000 of human savings were worse than wasted.

Not in the Fleet

◆ At the navy yard a visitor is alleged to have asked, "Can you direct me to the U.S.S. Satan?" Assured that there is no such ship he replied: "That's odd. The paper said this morning that the chaplain of the Pennsylvania would speak on 'Satan the great destroyer'."

Types of Unfair Competition



SOME of the duties of the Federal Trade Commission are to issue orders to cease and desist from the following practices, and when you read the list and realize that in a single year 296 such cease and desist orders were issued against that many American concerns, you realize how corrupt this generation is:

1. Use of false and misleading advertising, false branding and labeling of products, for example:

(a) Misrepresenting flavoring extracts to be imported when they are in fact domestic-made.

(b) Misrepresenting merchandise as having been procured from sales of refused, salvaged or surplus Army and Navy supplies.

(c) Misrepresenting the processes employed in preparing salt offered for use in the curing of meats.

(d) Mislabeling radios with well-known and long recognized brand names of nationally advertised radios, simulating the brand names of such nationally advertised radios and passing off such products as and for such nationally advertised radios.

(e) Misrepresenting the quality, character and viscosity of motor oils, and the quality, character and octane rating of gasolines.

(f) Misrepresenting western ponderosa pine as white pine.

(g) Misrepresenting that upright pianos are grand pianos.

(h) Misrepresenting as camel's hair certain textile fabrics which do not contain camel's hair or camel's wool.

(i) Misrepresenting as whitefish a certain salt water fish known as cusk.

(j) Misrepresenting cigars made in the United States from domestic tobacco as being made from Cuban tobacco and as being Havana cigars.

(k) Misrepresenting tombstones and monuments made from granite chips mixed with cement as being granite.

(l) Misrepresenting photographic enlargements as being original drawings or paintings.

(m) Misrepresenting stock size men's suits as being tailor-made or made-to-order.

(n) Misrepresenting the results to be obtained upon using various motor compounds and fluids, cleaning fluids, animal traps and other products.

(o) Misrepresenting that various miscellaneous products, such as incandescent lamps, stump socks for use on artificial limb appliances, and imitation and simulated diamonds, have a merit far in excess of that actually possessed.

2. Combining, agreeing and co-operating for the purpose, and with the effect, of suppressing competition among members of the combination and

closing the sources of supply and sale to non-members through such co-operative means as controlling solicitation of business, allocation of customers and channels of distribution; fixing and maintaining uniform prices, terms and conditions, and exchanging information regarding contemplated price changes. The commodities involved in such agreements were: pin tickets, women's wear, surgical instruments, uniform caps, electric cable, turbine generators and condensers, butter tubs, grocery products, furniture, rubber heels and soles and water gate valves and hydrants.

3. Misrepresenting the advantage to prospective customers in dealing with the seller by—

(a) Asserting that the seller is a manufacturer of the products he offers for sale, thereby implying to purchasers that the middle-men's profits are eliminated.

(b) Alleging that the seller is a wholesaler and is offering his goods at wholesale prices.

(c) Misrepresenting the size and importance of the seller's business by use of illustrations of fictitious buildings, or by exaggeration of the space occupied by the seller's business, or of the extent and value of his equipment.

4. Misrepresenting the necessity for, or advantage in using, various devices claimed to be beneficial in curing, treating or relieving such conditions as prostatic gland troubles or deficiencies, foot and leg abnormalities, obesity and hair deficiencies.

5. Use of books or pamphlets claiming: (1) to reveal all of the essentials to health and alleging that all illness is caused by neglect of one or more of such essentials; and (2) claiming to conquer bashfulness, nervousness and other psychological abnormalities.

6. Misrepresenting the necessity for, or advantage in using, various medicinal preparations claimed to be beneficial in curing, treating or relieving such conditions as nutritional deficiencies; diseases and ailments of the skin, stomach, kidney, bladder and digestive organs; glandular disturbances; asthma and hay fever; women's diseases; rheumatism, arthritis, neuritis and related ailments; metabolic disorders, vitamin and mineral deficiencies; weakness, irritation and diseases of the eyes and ears.

7. Misrepresenting the advantages in using certain hair tonic, eyewash, facial cream, depilatory, eyelash grower and dentifrice, claimed to be beneficial, respectively, in relieving eye strain, promoting growth of hair, penetrating the skin below the epidermis so as to reach and beneficially affect the underlying muscles, tissues and glands, restoring gray hair permanently to its former color without dyeing, removing tartar on teeth and destroying mouth germs and bacteria.

8. Misrepresenting in the sale of encyclopedias and reference works that purchasers will receive all or a portion of the books free upon subscribing to additional research or extension services; that the purchasers are on preferred lists to receive the books free and without cost; that old and unrevised encyclopedias and reference works have been revised, enlarged and brought down to date; and that leaders in various professional fields are contributors to, or associate editors of, such encyclopedias and reference works, when they are not.

9. Use of misrepresentations by correspondence schools importing that they have some connection with, or are a branch or bureau of, the United States Government or of the Civil Service Commission; that there are many openings for various positions in the classified Civil Service and that examinations to fill such vacancies are held at frequent intervals; that upon completion of the courses of instruction, successful students will be placed in Government or other positions; that students have been selected on account of scholastic grades, or otherwise, to receive the courses at reduced rates; and that the respondents conduct, or are connected with, a university or an extension division of a university.

10. Misrepresenting through use of the words "Laboratory," "Manufacturer," "Mill," "Factory," and "Distiller" that the seller is the manufacturer of the products which he offers for sale, implying that middlemen's profits are eliminated and other advantages obtained because of the purchasers' ability to deal direct with the manufacturer.

11. Misrepresenting the character and quality of the raw materials used in manufacturing finished products, for example, misstating the amount and quality of the wool content of fabrics and other products; misrepresenting the amount and quality of silk in fabrics; misrepresenting split leather as being genuine cowhide, genuine leather, or chamois; misrepresenting the proportion or quantity of pure fruit juices or other food products in jams, preserves and other food stuffs.

12. Use of puzzle contests with the representation that the mere solution of the puzzle entitles the successful contestant to a prize, when, in fact, other services and performances are imposed upon the contestant before he is entitled to receive a prize.

13. Using a method of sale involving an element of chance or lottery, or preparing goods so that such a method of sale may be used.

14. Misrepresenting the character of the process used in producing gasoline and misrepresenting that gasoline to which tetraethyl lead has been added is narcotic in effect, "doped up," poisonous, unsafe and dangerous to the life and health of persons using such gasoline for motor fuel.

15. Simulation of the containers in which merchandise of competitors is customarily packed and displayed, simulation of well-known accounting systems and imitation of names of trade papers

and well-known and registered trade marks such as "Ethyl" and "Gulf".

16. Use of false and disparaging statements in respect to products sold by competitors, such products being oilcloth, window shades, pianos, pipes, pipe filters, beer taps and candy.

17. Misrepresenting, through use of fictitious prices, that the usual and ordinary sale price is higher than the price at which the goods are actually sold, when such is not a fact.

18. Misrepresenting, in advertising for house-to-house canvassers or sales agents, the nature of their employment, the prospective profits, the usual retail prices of the products which they are to sell and the demand therefor.

19. Use of demonstrations and scientific tests in such a way as to misrepresent the circumstances surrounding the tests or the results thereof.

20. Misrepresenting in the sale of dental plates that from impressions made by customers from their own teeth and gums the seller can make artificial teeth that fit as well and are as satisfactory as those made by members of the dental profession.

21. Misrepresenting the geographic location of the place of manufacture of a product by specifying the name of a place famous for such products.

The Burning of the Paris

◆ Forty-eight hours before the arson occurred, the French police warned the captain of the French steamship Paris that a fire was to be expected. Within the appointed time the third largest liner of the French merchant fleet was burned to the water's edge at Havre, France.

Eshelman Was Rattled

◆ Charles Eshleman, of Cleveland, was rattled when he heard a continuous, or at least a frequent, rattling in the rear of his car. When he opened the trunk a live rattlesnake made a lunge at him; but Eshelman killed it with an umbrella.

A Whopper

◆ "Mother, may I be excused?" and Ida clambered down from her high chair at the dinner table. "Did you have enough dinner?" asked her grandfather. "Tell grandfather that you have had an elegant sufficiency," said mother. "Yes, grandfather," said Ida, "I've got an elephant and a fish in me."—By Aunt Maud.

A Misfit Somewhere

◆ Teacher: "If you had \$10 in one pocket and \$15 in the other, what would you have?" Johnny: "Someone else's pants."



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Holiday Freedom

[Written before the war]

● The fear of war has not prevented, nor apparently affected, the usual enjoyment of the summer holidays. True there has been, and is, the feeling that the holidays may be rudely interrupted; for no one knows what surprise Hitler may spring, nor when it is likely to come. The Bank of England returns show that more money—paper which is supposed to represent gold—is in circulation than at any previous time; in other words the record is broken. The amount in circulation is close to £522,000,000. The holiday season is responsible for some increase, helped by the new law which gives employees two weeks holiday with pay, and the increased employment through the war preparation is a contributory cause. The travel agencies report that bookings to the continent are much less than usual: very few Britishers are traveling to Germany, but more are going to France, and Italy is getting a fair share of the tourist traffic.

Holiday camps are increasing in number and in capacity and general conveniences. Some are now settled on a rather elaborate basis. From a rough collection of huts and tents many of the camps have grown into permanent structures: in one case the L.M.S. railway has joined with T. Cook and Son and they have built a camp on the North Wales coast where rooms and conveniences can be rented at a rate that suits the manual worker who has not a great deal to spare for his summer vacation. As yet there is no record that any of the religionists want a church built for them, but undoubtedly they will soon be crying out that they are needed. The parsons are complaining that their people do not go to church when on holidays; no doubt getting away from the parson is part of the enjoyment.

National Register

● All the necessary machinery is ready for this, and in an emergency the work of compiling a national register can be started at a day's notice. It is said that a complete staff of

enumerators has been enrolled and local authorities have been supplied with identity cards, to be issued when the Government gives the word. The registration will take the same form as the fuller census enumeration prepared for 1940, but with further questionings.

Chaplains

● The various sections of religionists are getting ready for the time when they will be called on to take their part in the military machine of this so-called "Christian" nation. The anti-God army of Russia, the greatest military power in Europe and therefore in all the earth, does not find chaplains a necessity; nor do some other (ungodly!) nations use them; but where religion is part of the State machine, as here in Britain, formal religion may not be left out of the national services, whether in peace or in war. The parsons see to it that they get a share in the service; and who is there to look to the spiritual needs of the men if the parson is not there, or help the stricken man to safety "on the other side" if there is no parson near?

The humbug in all this is rather nauseating. As a man joins the army he must have a religious tab. If he does not profess to be of the church of England, or of Rome, or a Methodist, he is made to parade with the Church of England and to its services he must go. A writer of a letter to a newspaper says well, "Now that militarism is debunked and shown up as the vile, murderous commercialized traffic in human life we all know it to be, it is time that all connection with religion should cease. A man can be doing bayonet drill or bombing one day, and the next, as another part of his military duties, be attending service in a Christian church—a degradation and an insult to the Founder of Christianity." One parson is very angry at such suggestions and says, "It is high time that the churches refused to marry or bury civilians who expect the consolations of religion without its obligations." He would compel every unit in the regiment to attend a "service" to listen to such as he. There is compulsion to join the army, and then compulsion to become a religionist at the time of the church services.

The Vatican and Franco

● The Manchester *Guardian* says, "It is believed in Rome that General Franco has been keeping the Vatican specially informed on the details of the new Constitution of Spain. The

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Vatican has been closely following the internal reorganization of Spain, in so far as this affects the Church and Christian principles. The pope is understood to have submitted the details of the new constitution to specialists in ecclesiastical law, requesting them to draw up a report on the way the constitution harmonizes with Catholic doctrine. It is believed that these observations have already been forwarded by the pope to General Franco." Franco may claim that he has won Spain from the Red Terror, but the Hierarchy will see to it that it gets the bigger share of the "victory". The late pope got very disturbed and seemingly excited when it was said he—and the Papacy—interfered in politics; but the hierarchy in Rome pursues the game openly as well as secretly.

Roman Catholics and Nazism

● In the House of Lords, Lord Marley, a member of the Labor party, in a discussion of Colonial matters, said, speaking particularly of the Rhodesias (Northern and Southern), "In a school for native teachers I found books containing pictures of Berlin, and swastikas, and 'Heil Hitler', and the various insignia of aggressiveness." These, he said, "came from a German Catholic mission." The Roman Catholic missions in native Africa, like all other of their institutions, are under the direction of the Hierarchy, and this report by Lord Marley is another proof of the Hierarchy's association with Nazism and with Hitler, and of its pushing the propaganda of the Nazis.

Enemies of the Kingdom

● Religionists, particularly the Roman Catholic section, are very angry that the kingdom of God is being proclaimed by Jehovah's witnesses. The whole claim of religionists is challenged by the truth; for they claim they are the Kingdom. Perverting the words of Jesus and of the apostles they claim that their church systems represent and are the kingdom of God of which Jesus spoke and the apostles wrote and spoke. These take the same position as that taken by the Jews of Jesus' day. His words were as an axe to the trees under which they ruled as in kingdom power; he destroyed their foundations. They assumed the right to rule as sitting in the seat of Moses, whom God appointed, and of David, whom God raised to be His ruler in Israel. Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God came with Him, and in God's

time He would be manifested as its ruler. That the arrogant rulers in Jewry perceived the situation is clear from Jesus' words in His parable; for He said of them that they said one to another, 'This is the heir; let us kill him.' This they did, and perished by its doing.

The fact of the return of the Lord for the full establishment of His kingdom and of its setting up, according to His word, is now proclaimed, and now, as then, the same class are found in deadly opposition to the message and its witnesses. It pleases the Roman Catholic Hierarchy to have its "fathers" speak evil of Judge Rutherford, who in a special way represents the message and the witnesses of Jehovah, and if they could they would undoubtedly crush him and the truth. In the pages of *Consolation* Judge Rutherford has shown that religionists of all kinds are enemies of the kingdom of God. They have set for themselves the task of bringing the world under the rule of religion, professing that in seeking to get men to agree with them they are following the command Jesus gave to His disciples, that of preaching the gospel (of the Kingdom) to every creature. Their perversion of the words of Jesus has resulted in the same effect being produced as that of which Jesus said to the Pharisees—their converts were made two-fold more children of Gehenna than they themselves. The monstrous doctrines and practices of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy have produced some of the human monsters of history, and still fulfill the words of Jesus. The Hierarchy and its representatives realize the force of the proclamation of the kingdom of Christ; hence their vicious words against Judge Rutherford and their evil speaking against the proclamation.

Infidel Parsons

● That almost all the parsons and clergy of Protestant sects are non-believers in the Scriptures is one of the facts of the racket of religion. One of their number who bemoans this infidelity, but who does not see that his only course for his safety is to come out from the unbelieving crowd and become a witness for the Kingdom, has got a cross-section inquiry showing what proportion of the preachers do not believe. His inquiry was of 500 representatives in the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and English sections. He reports 46 percent do not believe in the Scriptural account of creation; 38 percent do not believe in the Revelation; 19 percent do not believe in the

virgin birth of Jesus; 27 percent do not believe in the second advent of the Lord; 55 percent believe the Bible contains myths and legends. These are some of those who reject the warning message now being given by Jehovah through His witnesses.

Roman Catholic Absurdities

● A Roman Catholic "father in God" in London announced a date on which, after morning mass, he would give his blessing on the dogs of the attenders at his service. Women, some from hundreds of miles distant, brought their pets, and the priest, outside the building, sprinkled them with water, which he called "holy water"; and he "blessed" the dogs, first in Latin, and then in English. One of the dogs, an Aberdeen terrier, howled disconsolately: it was said the dog had been "blessed" once before. As the women would be certain to "bless" their dogs afterwards, it may be presumed that on the whole they did not have a bad time. The Catholics have a "saint" "in heaven"—"St." Roche—whose particular business it is to see to the dogs of Catholics, and the day of this "service" was the "saint's day" in their calendar. The Roman Catholics in England have not taken the use of the "saint" for some hundreds of years, but the dogs have missed nothing by the negligence of the "fathers".

Religionists of all sections badly want a revival of religion; for things go badly with them. The various nonconforming sections are free from much of the foolishness of the larger sections, but it is apparent that the biggest section, the Roman Catholic, will engage in absurdities in order to advertise their church.

A woman member of that section, who says she is a practicing Catholic, lets it be known that she has for sale a genuine bit of the true cross, and will let it go for £100. She has a splinter of wood one-eighth inch long, carefully kept as a gem is kept, and with some proof that for some hundreds of years it has been considered authentic. If one did not know better it would be a natural expectation that the very rich "church", which sets so much store on its relics, would give the small sum to the woman rather than let a bit of the "cross" they so much revere get passed about as an ordinary salable thing. Will a priest buy it? Not he! All of them know that there are multitudes of splinters and pieces of wood in the church's care, all held sacred or worshiped as parts of the true "cross", and sufficient to

make a carload. A priest will head a procession which carries a skull or a bone, or even a piece of the bone of a man or woman whom a pope has beatified or made a "saint", but the priest who would put his own money in the relic business is far to seek: he knows better!

Nun's Cruelty to a Boy

● The Bristol magistrates have dealt with a case of shocking cruelty by a nun in a "Nazareth" home. The case was brought before the court by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The evidence showed that the boy having angered her the nun banged his head against a door, beat him severely, put him in a cold bath, threw five pails of cold water on him, then beat him again. The boy escaped and went to a relative. A doctor reported 29 weals on his back and chest and arms, and that he was in an undernourished condition. As there was no chance of rebutting the evidence, the nun pleaded guilty, and a lenient court bound her over to be of good behavior for twelve months. Judging from other cases the preventive Society brings before the courts it might have been expected that a sentence of imprisonment would be given.

It would not, of course, be proper to judge every "Nazareth" or "St. Joseph" Roman Catholic home for children as if this one were typical, nor every sister as being like this convicted nun, but it is fair comment to say that these homes for children ought to be open for inspection by competent and impartial persons in authority; and it would be a good thing if the representatives of the Society for prevention of cruelty should have access to them for inspection. This care of children is one of the set policies of the great Hierarchy, and one may comment that it is policy rather than kindness and care that directs the homes; but the parades of the children under the guidance of sisters and nuns serves well for publicity.

In Britain children are one of the chief hopes for the extension of the Roman Catholic church. It does not make many converts—not nearly enough to balance its losses. The Hierarchy, no doubt, grows in influence in the high places of power: its system of scheming in official places, and of pulling political wires, gives them an advantage which they use successfully, always in the interests of the "church".

Extracts from "Death in Cellophane"



More cigarettes are now sold every week than were sold in the entire year of 1900, in which year some two billion were manufactured; now more than two billion, six hundred thousand are sold every week, or more than one hundred and thirty-eight billion a year.

Out of 300 boys brought before me charged with various crimes, 295 were cigarette smokers, charged with offenses all the way from shooting craps to burglary. Those who do not smoke seldom appear before me.—Magistrate Leroy B. Crane, New York City.

Personally I have found every one of the many boy smokers I have talked to, a liar, an admitted liar. The whole tendency of the cigarette nicotine poison in youth is to arrest development. It blights and blasts both health and morals. The moral depravity which follows the cigarette is something frightful. Lying, cheating, impurity, loss of moral courage and manhood, are its general results.—Judge Ben Lindsay.

The effect of tobacco upon the heart of some 100 medical students showed the average heart rate to be increased 8 beats per minute in

smokers. This means an increase of 11,500 beats a day, which is a heavy strain upon the heart and may be the cause in later life of heart failure.—Dr. Reed O. Brigham, Toledo, Ohio.

Tobacco is a slow-acting insidious poison. The smoker does not realize the danger he is in till the habit gets a grip on him and quitting is practically hopeless.—W. S. Hall, M.D.

As a physician of forty years' practice, I give my decided opinion that tobacco has killed ten men where whisky has killed one.—Dr. Hammon, Baltimore.

We positively know that tobacco causes heart disease, diseases of the nerves and mucous membrane, and that it diminishes the possibility of recovery from any disease.—Dr. Matthew Woods, Philadelphia.

We refuse to receive tobacco users in our institution, because it is our experience in teaching more than five hundred thousand young people that cigarettes bring shattered nerves, mental weakness, stunted growth and general physical and moral degeneracy.—Spencerian Business College.

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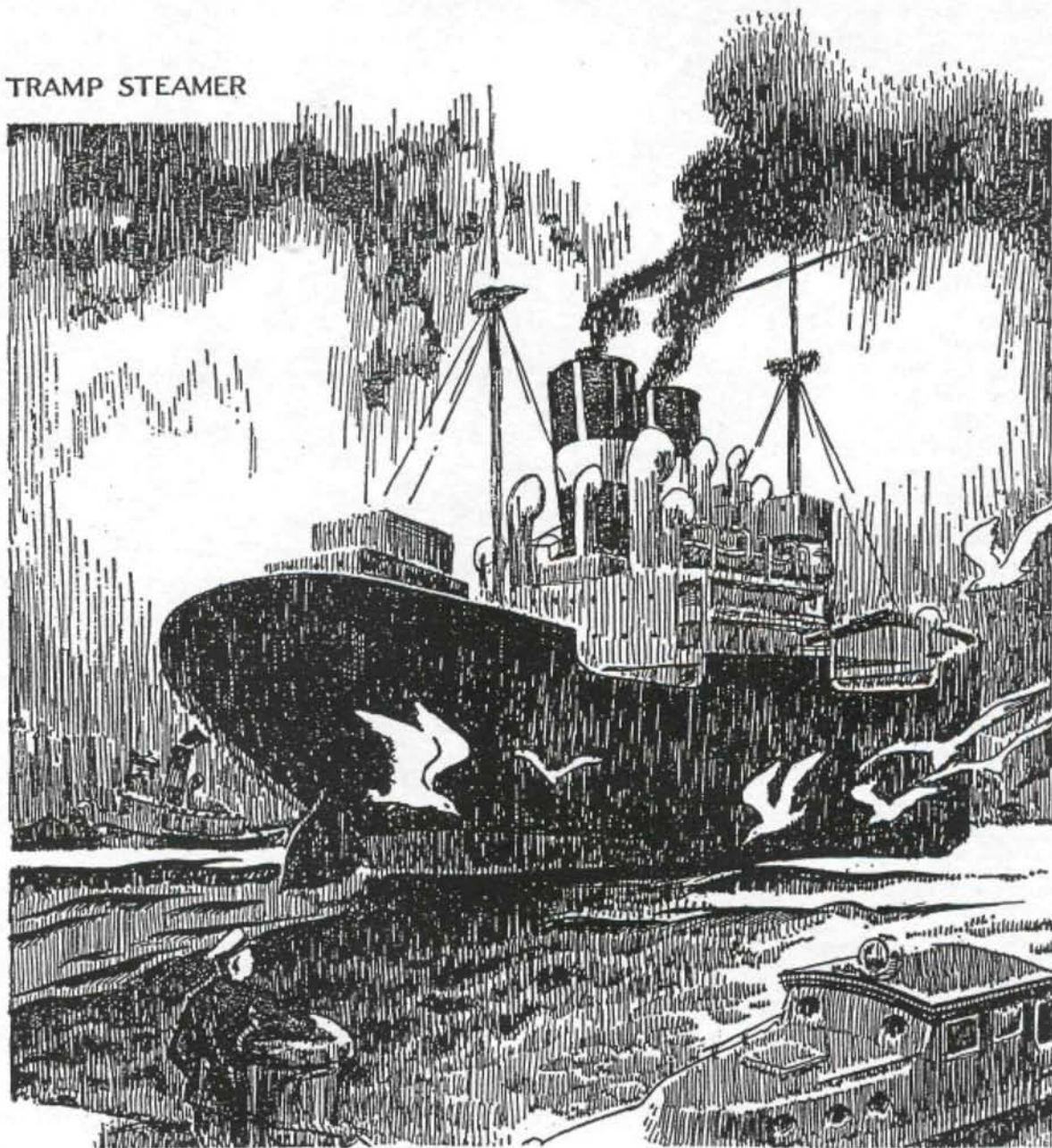
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—Oregon Merchants.

Too Bad He Liped

"Sad about the disappearance of Prof. Hill," said James, polishing his brassie. "He was a profound thinker."

"Yes—always thinking, no matter where he was," replied another clubman. "Fancy, the last time I saw him we were bathing, and he suddenly called out, 'I'm thinking! I'm thinking!'"

"You idiot!" roared James. "The professor liped."—Kansas City Star.

One Way to Find Out

The fat man and his wife were returning to their seats in the theater after the intermission.

"Did I tread on your toes as I went out?" he asked a man at the end of a row.

"You did," replied the other grimly, expecting at least an apology.

The fat man turned to his wife.

"All right, Mary," he said, "this is our row."
—Labor.

Help! Murder!

A young lady not familiar with the switching language of railroad men chanced to be walking near a depot where a freight train was being made up. One of the brakemen shouted: "Jump on her when she comes by, run her down by the elevator and cut her in two and bring the head end up by the depot." "Help! Murder!" screamed the young lady as she fainted and fell into the arms of the conductor.

Courtesy of a Chesterfield

Farmer: "Didn't you see the notice, 'Private; No Fishing Allowed'?"

Angler: "I never read anything marked 'Private.'"

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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The Pope's Responsibility for the New War

(In Three Parts—Part 1)

THE ease and frequency with which the "blessings" of the "church" have been showered upon Mussolini, Hitler and Franco for their separate or joint campaigns in Ethiopia, Albania, the Saar, the Rhineland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Memel, Danzig, and Spain, and fifteen centuries of European history, prove that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is the greatest mischief-maker on the planet.

While it is not averse to ruling directly, as, for example, at the racket headquarters at Vatican City, yet it gets better results when it has its faithful sons in positions of responsibility as kings, dictators or presidents, where they can be played one against the other to suit the circumstances of the hour. Satan's world is always in disorder, and it is in this disorder that the Vatican has its greatest opportunity.

In the last World War the pope tried to bring about a peace, described at the time as "pro-Roman", which would have been of great benefit to his establishment. It was not accept-



Hitler in St. Hedwig's Cathedral, Berlin

combined Fascist governments, dominated by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. "And the woman [Devil's visible religious organization, the harlot] which thou sawest is that great city [the Hierarchy organization], which reigneth over [combined Fascism,] the kings of the earth."—Revelation 17:12, 18.

ed. Now the world is again in tumult, as a result of the activities of the "Practical Catholic", Adolf Hitler. This time the pope will succeed in establishing peace, but his price will be the control of the whole world. On this point, at page 292 of the book *Enemies*, Judge Rutherford said:

The prophecy of the Lord shows that modern Tyre, the Catholic organization, commits fornication with all the nations and gains her desire. When the Hierarchy has gained complete temporal power of the earth, that will in her mind fully establish the conclusion that her desire has been fully accomplished, and then she will say "Peace and safety" (1 Thessalonians 5:3); and then the "ten horns", that is, all the ruling powers of the nations, "receive power . . . with the beast," the League of Nations combine being in fact a league of Fascism or

The Desire to Be Umpire

The desire to be umpire of earth's affairs is always in the mind of every pope. *Consolation* for August 23, 1939, calls attention to proposals for a peace conference that the pope called or suggested calling prior to the outbreak of hostilities between Germany and Poland.

In his series of collection envelopes on the one for the third week of September, 1939, Andrew J. Brennan, bishop of Richmond, Va., is made to say, "Responsibility to bring about and maintain a lasting peace rests primarily upon the shoulders of Catholics in all nations." The philosophy of this is that General Franco is a Catholic; if he had kept the peace in Spain, then Spain would not have been torn asunder by civil war. Mussolini is a Catholic; if he had kept the peace in Ethiopia, the lives of thousands of innocents would have been saved. Hitler is a Catholic; if he had kept the peace in Czechoslovakia and Poland, thousands would now be in comfort who today are either dead or in utter wretchedness. Japan is under Catholic influence, which partly accounts for the fact that there is no peace in Asia.

John T. Archbishop McNicholas, of Cincinnati, wants all Catholics in his realm to pray to Christ to grant peace to the whole world. If they thus pray they will be wasting their breath. The greatest war of all time, Armageddon, is ahead. The only survivors of that time will be those who are firmly on the Lord's side, on the side of true Christianity, and against the Devil's religion, which is its exact opposite, and of which the Roman Hierarchy is chief spokesman.

A message from Vatican City stated that President Roosevelt had sent a personal message to the pope inviting him to call on him for assistance in connection with any international political scheme for "peace" he might have on hand. The message was conveyed, not in a state paper, but by word of mouth, through President Roosevelt's close personal friend, Monsignor Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, apostolic delegate to Washington.

Conditions in Europe

Says Martin Harbeck:



As far back as 1923 and 1924 Catholic priests and writers in Bavaria advocated a crusade against Jews, Communists, Pacifists and others, and preached the superiority of the Aryan race. The storm troopers are nearly all very young men, taken chiefly from Catholic families. They

wear black uniforms, with a skull and crossbones on their hideous helmets.

Germany, in man power, in money and in raw materials, is today less able than in 1914 to conduct a war with England and France on the other side. The arrogant dictators know that the so-called "democratic" and chiefly Protestant nations are readily bluffed by the Catholic-Fascist-Nazi combine.

There is sufficient evidence that neither the Germans nor the Austrians nor the Czechoslovakians ever had the opportunity of a free and uncontrolled ballot. It is now history that Hitler was greatly aided in his apparently miraculous rise to power by the Catholic element. His first success was in Bavaria, the most Catholic part of Germany.

Hitler speaks only behind bullet-proof glass, and for public demonstrations generally uses a double. Recently one such double, who was called his chauffeur, was shot and killed.

My estimate is that forty percent of the people, the young who were greatly benefited by the Hitler régime, support the present Nazi government; a further forty percent are frightened into subjection; and only about twenty percent are engaged in more or less active opposition.

The economic crisis is world-wide; and being a result of the World War, it can not be charged to any one government. But imported goods, particularly foodstuffs, are scarce in Germany. There is a marked shortage of coffee, butter, eggs, pork, good flour, sugar, onions and fruits; also of silks and woolen goods.

Hundreds of Thousands of Prisoners

Dr. Crone and other officials of the so-called "Department of Justice" of Germany have freely admitted the ever more difficult problem of dealing with the many hundreds of thousands of prisoners created by the Hitler régime. Recently I had the pleasure of meeting a former German Minister of Justice, Dr. Breitscheidt. He declared that he greatly respects the Bible Students, or witnesses of Jehovah, 6,000 of whom are imprisoned in Germany; because they are the only group of Christians suffering martyrdom for their faith and loyalty to God and to His Word. These are the only ones who refuse to accept the Totalitarian religion, which places the State above God; and they refuse to honor or worship the human Fuehrer as God.

The treatment of prisoners is not the same in all parts of Germany, and those actually in prison are less cruelly treated than those in concentration camps. But the crimes committed by the Nazi-gangsters, with the official approval of the present German government, cry to heaven; and if only a portion of them were known and believed by the honest people of the world, that knowledge would certainly cause all the good people in the world to turn away from such barbarians in disgust and abhorrence.

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A truthful report of hundreds of such cases of ill-treatment of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany was recently published by the Europa Publishers, at Zurich, Switzerland, in the German language, and now by the Presses Universitaires, in Paris, in the French language. The title of that book is "Crusade Against Christianity". Having read this book; a number of well-known writers, professional men and foremost journalists in Europe have expressed their deepest sympathy with these suffering and persecuted Christians. For example, Dr. Thomas Mann, the bearer of the Noble prize for literature, wrote concerning Jehovah's witnesses:

"The Sufferings Left Behind"

I have read your book and its terrible documentation with deepest emotion. I cannot describe the mixed feeling of abhorrence and loathing which has filled my heart while perusing these records of human degradation and abominable cruelty. Human speech fails in the presence of the unspeakable perversity revealed in these pages, on which are recorded the awful sufferings of innocent men and women who firmly hold fast to their faith. In viewing such indescribable conditions the voice would fain be silent, but to keep quiet would serve only the moral indifference of the world, and further the despicable non-interference policy, and make for a guilty conscience. Will it be possible to shock the world even for a moment by your presentation of these disgusting facts? One hardly dares to hope for it. At any rate you have done your duty in publishing this book and bringing these facts to light. It seems to me that there is no greater appeal to the world's conscience.

Pastor T. Bruppacher, a thoughtful and noble-minded Protestant minister, wrote:

While the German church controversy enjoys the favorable interest of official Christendom, we here have an unobserved company, standing and suffering in the foremost posts. While men who call themselves Christians have failed in the decisive tests, these unknown witnesses of Jehovah, as Christian martyrs, are maintaining unshakable opposition against coercion of conscience and heathen idolatry. The future historian must some day acknowledge that not the great churches, but these slandered and scoffed-at people, were the ones who stood up first against the rage of the Nazi demon, and who dared to make opposition according to the faith. They suffer and bleed because, as Jehovah's witnesses and candidates for the Kingdom of Christ, they refuse the worship of Hitler and the Swastika. These peculiar Christians are accounted worthy to suffer for His name's sake, and they have humbly proved that they really know how to defend their high title—that of Jehovah's witnesses. Whoever permits these documents to speak to him in all their sincerity will begin to see the maligned Bible Students in a new light. He will not again judge them in his own self-righteousness.

Witness Continues Despite Opposition

The work of Jehovah's witnesses, of informing the people of good will about Jehovah's kingdom, and announcing the destruction of the wicked at Armageddon, progresses despite the opposition and

persecution in Germany. The witness work is increasing particularly in France, Belgium, Netherlands and Switzerland. Thousands of people of good will are gladly hearing the message of the truth and are then leaving the Devil's organization. Where formerly were small companies for Bible study there are now larger assemblies and increased activities. In Germany, Jews, Communists, Socialists and other groups are silenced to a large extent by the terror of the blackshirts, but not so Jehovah's witnesses. It is often reported how they continue to speak of their faith, and they are even heard to sing joyfully in prison cells and concentration camps.

The following is from a Swiss newspaper, "The St. Gall Daily":

The French journalist, Jean Fontenoy, recently obtained permission to observe with his own eyes the life in the concentration camp Oranienburg. The commander of the camp, a general, personally took the journalist through the camp. A lengthy report has appeared in the "Journal" regarding this inspection. We give herewith an abbreviated but faithful report concerning what the commander thinks of the Bible Students—Jehovah's witnesses—and how he tries to solve the problem they create for him.

"The Bible Students," grumbled the general. "I have erected special barracks for them, where they are isolated behind barbed wire which is electrically charged, in order that they may not get in contact with the other inmates. It is forbidden for others to come closer than seven yards to the barracks of the Bible Students. But nothing avails. If I forbid them to smoke, they say they don't smoke at all. If I permit them to write only one letter every third month, they do not even write that one letter. It is really distracting. Recently the wife of such a Bible Student came and begged for her husband's release. I had the man brought, but he looked at his wife as if he did not know her. She cried and pleaded, saying, 'We have nothing to eat and I have no one to help us.' The Bible Student answered, 'You have Jehovah.' The woman: 'I plead with you to sign the pledge and return to us.' The man: 'Go and pray more earnestly to Jehovah.'"

The general engaged in a dialogue between himself and Johann Huber, 27 years of age. He asked, "Why are you in the concentration camp?" "Because I have worshiped the Lord." "Which Lord?" "Jehovah." "Do you acknowledge our Fuehrer as your head or superior?" "I do not know of whom you speak; my superior or head is Jehovah." "Who am I?" "You are one of Jehovah's creatures." "Am I your superior or not?" "You are a creature of Jehovah." "Do you have to obey me or not?" "I have to obey Jehovah."

The general turned to me with a bitter smile and said, "You cannot do a thing with them; neither with mildness nor with harshness; it is all of no avail." This dialogue had been listened to with visible pleasure by about fifty other prisoners near by. The commander asked, "Did you observe these others? Do you understand now why I keep the Bible Students apart from the others? They would start a small revolution within a few hours; they are the worst of them all."



This discussion had caused me to think and later, at noon, I referred again to this theme of the Bible Students and said, "You have here 450 Bible Students in this camp, but do they really belong here? Most of them must be good and harmless people; they seem to me to be somewhat like saints, at any rate really harmless."

A Berlin official accompanying the party through the camp stated it is hard to find the secret places in Germany where the Bible Students' literature is still being printed; no one carries names or addresses and no one betrays another. When 250 were arrested at Hamburg and their papers and press were confiscated, and it was thought that this would stop the circulation of a certain magazine, within two weeks after the raid the paper reappeared as before and the police had not been able since then to discover the place where printed, nor any of the distributors.

This firmness of faith and unparalleled courage causes many who witness the terrible persecutions to inquire as to the source of such steadfastness. A number of cases are known where prison guards and other prisoners have forsaken all else to put themselves on the Lord's side while yet there is time.

A righteous indignation against the instigators of the persecutions of Jehovah's witnesses, namely, the Catholic-Fascist combine, wells up in the heart of every real Christian. This persecution of Christians is a fulfillment of Divine prophecy. Other prophecies show that the day of accounting for the great bloodguilt which the present generation has heaped upon itself is at hand.

Hitler Guided by Demons

The statement that Hitler is a close student of astrology, and that he maps his course by the stars, is only another way of saying that he is guided by demons. The teaching that any man is guided in his course by any star or any combination of stars is a denial of every truth contained in the Scriptures. That does not mean that the demons are ignorant of what is going on in the world, and it does not mean they cannot twist together plausible statements supposedly but not actually in harmony with the movements of the stars. So it is not without interest that in her dispatch to the *Chicago Tribune*, from Berlin, on July 13, Sigrid Schultz, who familiarized herself with the teachings of Hitler's astrologers, reports one of them as saying:

Russia and Germany together will settle the Polish problem. The world will be astounded by the developments of the next few weeks. When Russia and Germany co-operate the British empire will automatically fall asunder.

Hitler is guided by "voices" (which are the voices of wicked spirits), and it is all in vain that Churchill appealed to him to consider the consequences of a single rash act which

might ruin his life's work, and that Eden and Halifax tried to reason with him. The demons are out to wreck the world, and only God's almighty hand can frustrate their design. Human wisdom will be unavailing.

Nothing that the man says can be believed. He is probably the world's most shameless liar. Somebody noticed that the letters in A-H-I-T-L-E-R and T-H-E L-I-A-R are the same.

Early in 1937 laws were passed in Germany prohibiting Germans from participating in the war in Spain. At that very time the German troops were pouring in, and it was German transport planes, in the very first hours of the conspiracy, that carried thousands of heathen Moors into Spain to there fight the pope's battles. Said Thomas Mann, German author, in an address at Princeton University:

Germany fell into the hands of leaders so depraved that perhaps in all history there has been recorded no second case of such dishonor to spirit and intellect, justice, truth and freedom. Their reign of violence has made it impossible for anyone who has some feeling for human dignity and moral responsibility to breathe the air of that country.—*New York World-Telegram*.

On Monday, September 4, only the next day after Britain declared that a state of war prevailed as between it and Germany, the British Government bombarded the people of the Reich with 6,000,000 leaflets containing assurance that the war is not against the German people but against this colossal liar, Hitler, trained by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and by the Devil for the work he is now doing. The broadcast leaflets contained in German these statements:

"He [Hitler] gave his word that he would respect the Locarno Treaty; he broke it.

"He gave his word that he neither wished nor intended to annex Austria; he broke it.

"He declared he would not incorporate the Czechs in the Reich; he did so.

"He gave his word after Munich that he had no further territorial demands in Europe; he broke it.

"He gave his word he wanted no Polish provinces; he broke it.

"He has sworn to you for years he was the mortal enemy of Bolshevism; he is now its ally.

"Can you wonder that for us his word is not worth the paper it is written on?"—*New York Post*, September 4, 1939.

Could a Whole People Worship a Liar?

Oddly enough, the answer to the question, "Could a whole people worship a liar?" is a most emphatic Yes. The world as a whole has done that very thing from the time of

Lucifer's lie in the garden of Eden until this very moment. The Devil, using religion and religionists as his vehicles of expression, has so thoroughly established in the minds of the people that they live on after they are dead that "the whole world lieth in the wicked one" and there are few that believe the statement of the Creator himself that "the dead know not any thing".

Below is set out some of the evidence that many of the German people have actually made this Jesuit-trained man, Hitler, into a "god" (as Moses was made a god in Pharaoh's eyes). In its Celebration Number, in answer to the question, "What does The Fuehrer mean to you?" the *Schwarze Korps* published the following. President Roosevelt, who wants the people to have more religion, and the New York Chamber of Commerce, that wants the people to have more religion, and all the other panjandrums that recommend religion as a cure-all, would do well to ponder deeply.

1) (A Viennese) "My Fuehrer gave me not only a political 'Weltanschauung' but also a religion. He gave me a faith, which even as a child I had never possessed. This faith is a faith in ourselves, in our strength and our greatness, in the mysterious power of Blood, our Soil and the German nation. . . ."

2) (An S.S. Man.) "Even to attempt to put into words what I feel for my Fuehrer appears to me profane. . . . It makes my heart heavy to think that the Fuehrer today belongs to so many, whereas during the time of our early struggle, he belonged only to us, a comparatively few. I am jealous of every person with whom I must share him. May I be forgiven for this sacred egoism."

3) (A Party member in Berlin) "Formerly we were brought up to be religious, trained in a faith divorced from reality, which seemed impersonal, abstract and un-German. This outlook did not improve man, hardly strengthened him, but rather deprived him of courage and initiative. . . . Faith in the Fuehrer and his work have given me strength to force my life to higher things. In this godless, mammon-worshipping world, torn with hate and murder, this world of insanity and chaos, a temple of light has arisen, throwing its rays afar and pointing to a future far more beautiful than our past."

4) (A lawyer from Dortmund) "We know that we are in the grip of a feeling whose essence and depth we can scarcely determine and which renders us dumb. Reverence, love, loyalty, gratitude, self-abnegation—all make up this feeling which yet surpasses them all. But the most revered father, the most deeply loved mother, the most loyal wife and the most trusted friend rouse in our hearts music far less exalted than the song our souls sing to the Fuehrer."

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5) (A Party member from Berlin) "I left the Church with the firm conviction that the Christian religion was a man-made faith professing to be the will of God, but having nothing in common with that power which we call God. I believe the fellowship of blood and race is a fellowship much more desired by God than all the religious fellowships built up by man. I frequently ponder, could I face my Leader and Father, Adolf Hitler, if he knew my thoughts and my work. My religious observance is a daily hour of quiet thought. . . . And then an inner glow comes upon me, an indescribable feeling of satisfaction, if after mature consideration, I come to the conclusion that my father, Adolf Hitler, would bless this or that action of mine."

6) (Another Party member) "Every flower that blooms, blooms in gratitude to him; every apple that ripens, ripens in gratitude to him."

7) (A Hamburg woman) "I should like to say once for all, that the lofty teaching of my Fuehrer is now my religion, the German religion, and I can think of nothing finer."

8) (A Reader from Frankfurt) "What misuse is made by men of the word 'Fuehrer'. This word should only be applied to Adolf Hitler himself and we should impregnate our people from youth up with reverence for this word as the Christian Church reveres the name of God."

9) (A Mother in Unterammergau) "My children know the Fuehrer as a man, who orders all things, rules all things, who built the world. The Fuehrer is for my children that visible Being, which we as children were taught to recognize as God. . . ."

These people worship Hitler; Hitler worships the Roman Catholic system in which he was trained—it is his god; and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy worships and serves the Devil, manifests his spirit and is his most devoted and most honored child. The chain is complete. The German people that worship Hitler are worshipping the Devil, whether they know it or not.

Inordinate Vanity and Cowardice

The German people in all lands have done all they could to make a fool of Hitler, and he has cheerfully gone them one better every time. The golden crown presented to him at the middle of June is said to have been paid for by Nazis in 61 countries. Those at Buenos Aires alone contributed 31,455 pesos (\$7,700) of the amount, so says the newspaper *Critica* of that city.

It is admitted by all who have listened to him that Hitler has the power to produce mass hypnotism of his audiences. Mass hypnotism is mass demonism; but the demons are no fools. They have had centuries of experience, and so they select for their work some man

who can be used to "put it across". Hitler is such a man. The following from *Mein Kampf* shows that even he himself does not fully realize that the power working through him is not himself, but that of *WHOM?*



Meetings at which I talked about the peace treaties seemed never to end, for I considered this a vital subject and repeated my speech of denunciation again and again in endless repetition; I gradually put it in better form until at last I was driving a powerful message into the heart of the people. This constant practice in addressing meetings slowly but surely made me clever in the use of the pathos and the gestures needed to sway audiences of thousands.

I began to talk—and kept on talking for around two and one-half hours—and I at once felt that the meeting was to be a great success. Immediately I was in contact with the audience. After an hour applause broke out more and more often, in great outbursts, and then ebbed away after two hours, until I finished in that solemn silence which will never be forgotten by a soul who was there, and which I afterwards experienced so many times in this room. Almost nothing but the soft breathing of the mass could be heard, and suddenly when I had finished applause rose like thunder, and then release was found in fervent singing of "Deutschland ueber Alles".

Every dictator is a personal coward, and has to be; for his life is constantly at stake, because of the wrongs of which he is guilty. The claim is now made that Hitler has a private tunnel twelve miles long, between his hideout at Berchtesgaden and the city of Salzburg, enough to give him a good start if it ever becomes necessary for him to make a quick getaway.

His plane is of sufficient capacity to fly non-stop from Berlin to New York, and it has been fitted with every comfort and safety gadget known to man. It has four engines and a speed of 220 miles an hour. It is not a bad investment for him, and he may need it yet. New York city would find an empty apartment for him and he would hold the headlines for three days, maybe four, before he shriveled to his true size and passed out of public notice.

Bedtime Stories of Persecution

In order to put over its seizure of the world the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is bound to pretend that it is suffering persecution, even while its faithful sons are breaking every law known to man. These columns have contained many pages of evidence that there is no persecution of the Roman Catholic Church in Ger-

many. There is fresh evidence for this issue, and here it is, from Catholic sources:

Little by little the truth gradually leaks out on all subjects, for the reason that the Lord himself has stated that "there is nothing covered but shall be revealed". In view, therefore, of the oft-repeated yarns in the kept press about mistreatment of the Catholic Church in Germany, it is with some interest that the following statements are taken from a column by the Catholic writer Bertram de Colonna, published in the London *Catholic Herald*:

While it is true that there have been differences between some Catholics and officials in Germany, there has never been any prohibition of church services, nor have any churches been burned and sacked, or priests ill-treated or murdered in Germany.

Anyone who takes the trouble to visit a Catholic part of Germany will see that priests and lay brothers go about their business untroubled. Lay brothers serve in the beer rooms attached to monasteries in many parts, and groups of excursionists, largely wearing badges of the National Socialist Party, drop in there.

The London *Catholic Universe* states that on Hitler's birthday Cardinal Innitzer ordered all Austrian churches to ring bells, fly the Swastika flag and say special prayers for the Fuehrer. Does that look like persecution?

Mosley, Britain's would-be Hitler, in a speech at North London, said of religious persecution in Germany:

I think the clash between State and Church in Germany will soon end. There has, after all, been friction between the temporal and spiritual power in Germany for centuries, on and off. At present more money is paid by the State to the Church than ever before and more people attend church than ever before.—In London *Catholic Herald*.

Disposing now of a couple of widely publicized claims of "persecution", here are the facts, and facts are all anyone should desire. Read them and judge for yourself. Hereafter, in what was once Austria, there will be joint control of promotions in the Roman Catholic's clergy. There are to be no changes in personnel except such as meet Nazi approval. The Nazis will also decide who are to study for the priesthood. The New York *Daily News* devoted its entire front page to the idea that the Nazis had stormed the archbishop's palace at Salzburg, whereas the simple facts are that the building belonged to the Government since 1802, and the latter part of April notice had been served on the archbishop to look for other quarters. He neglected to do so and, after a

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month's delay, one time when he came back he found the landlord in control and himself dispossessed. Subsequently the archbishop Sigismund Waitz was offered the free use of several rooms in the palace, but he thought the Hierarchy would gain more by maintaining its pretense of "persecution", so he took up his residence in one of the many monasteries with which the neighborhood is cursed, instead.

In Austria and Czechoslovakia

The basis for stories of persecution of the Catholic Church in Austria seems to arise from the fact that up to September 1, 1939, each Roman Catholic priest received from the government an allowance of 120 marks monthly, but after that date Catholics, like other persons, would be taxed to maintain their churches and priests. Hitherto, because theirs was the State church, Catholics did not pay any religious tax.

Having conspired with Hitler to destroy the Republic of Czechoslovakia, and his own priests having been in the forefront in the betrayal of that country, once the center of Protestantism in Europe, the pope now tells the Slovak premier that he will need "much perspicacity and prudence, a great deal of brotherly feeling", etc., etc., to get along with the present situation (in which everything of any value in the country is being lugged off to Germany and the Czechoslovakian people are being turned into slaves).

Under the title "Who Sent Reverend Kochis to Make Speeches Here?" the Gary (Ind.) *Post Tribune* quoted the "Reverend Father" John Kochis as lauding the German government to the skies and saying that the people of Slovakia are perfectly satisfied with it. The *Post Tribune* knows perfectly well who sent the "Reverend Father" Kochis to Gary. It also knows that if it mentioned the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in that connection it would lose most of its advertisers and subscribers. But, viewed from a distance, it is a safe bet that it will be disciplined for its editorial which winds up with this paragraph:

When Reverend Kochis attempts to present the

Hitler thugs, gunmen and plain assassins as worthy rulers for their own protection he is dealing in a brand of bunkum that won't go far in this country.

The editor of the *Post Tribune* is no fool. He knows that the "Reverend Father" Tiso betrayed what was left of his country into the hands of Hitler, and did it to crush Protestants throughout the republic. Earlier in the editorial he said:

Who is this Reverend Kochis, and what is his purpose in this country? Was he sent over here by the German-controlled government of Dr. Tiso to pull the wool over the eyes of Slovaks living in America?

"More Food for Apes"

The London *Catholic Herald* contained a five-column interview with Sir Oswald Mosley entitled "Mosley Discusses Need Church and State Clash", in which Mosley made it clear that his outfit, if it gains control of Britain, will "always treat the spiritual and moral authority of the Vatican in international affairs with the utmost respect". In the next issue the *Herald* seemed to be referring to its own readers when it used the headline which introduces this paragraph. Mosley admits that he has more Catholics in his outfit than their proportion in the country would warrant. It is all as plain as day.

Our Sunday Visitor takes gleeful note that the Rome-directed Germany-Italy-Japan axis could, in a few years, crush the democracies by birth rates alone. It mentions that while, in England, other schools are forced to close because of decreased attendance, yet Catholic schools in that country have actually increased in number, even though there has been a slight decrease in attendance.

Speaking of conditions in France, *Our Sunday Visitor* of July 16, 1939, also said:

The older ones among our readers will recall that, nearly forty years ago, the then President of France dissolved the Concordat which France had had with the Holy See, and not only forced all Religious Orders to give up the work of teaching in school, but forbade them to wear their religious garb. Such a change has come over France in recent years that these laws have been disregarded, but because they are still on the Statute Books, there is now a movement in Parliament itself to repeal the hostile legislation. In fact, a bill is ready for presentation to Parliament, already backed by more than 200 Deputies, to repeal the law against Religious Orders.

It is hard to choose between murderers, and say which is the more shameless, Hitler with his rapes of Austria and Czechoslovakia, or

Mussolini with his rapes of Ethiopia and Albania, or both of them in their rape of Spain. The pope has just now "blessed" Mussolini, publicly asking God's blessing on his head. Now he should do the same for Hitler, and then for Al Capone, "Father" Coughlin and Judge Manton.

Within the past few years three prominent persons have been made Knights of the Order of the Annunciation. The first was Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, the second was King Zog of Albania, and the third was von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign minister.

Vain Boasts of Patriotism



In every land the Roman Catholic Hierarchy trains its spokesmen to boast of their patriotism. It is a settled policy of the "church", and is policy only. It is perfectly willing to have millions of Catholics killed on each side in any war, if only the interests of the racket operating out of Vatican City are taken care of.

In an address in New York city, as reported in the *Baltimore Sun*, the "Most Reverend" James E. Kearney, bishop of Salt Lake, made the statement,

"There is only one flag for our children and that is the American flag. The children are taught to salute it under penalty of disrespect to Almighty God."

The bishop could use the same argument to Hitler regarding saluting the swastika and it would be just as true. Indeed, Catholic bishops in Austria and Germany have repeatedly urged their flocks to vote for Hitler and to support him in every way in the work of the Devil in which he is engaged.

The Commonweal, a Catholic magazine, seems to hit the nail on the head when it says of "Reverend Father" Coughlin that he is given to "all too pious acceptance of propaganda from a party whose Fuehrer proudly boasts his machine is based on huge lies". That is an ingenious way of calling both Hitler and Coughlin liars in a single sentence. And it diverts attention from the wicked Hierarchy itself.

The Roman Catholic Hierarchy is not being persecuted in the United States, but it is persecuting others for the very same reason that it is now sympathetic with the idea of another huge war. It hopes to stop the mouths of Jehovah's witnesses.

Governor Lehman, of New York State, is

an intelligent, well-read man. He can hardly be ignorant of the more than 2,000 cases of persecution of Jehovah's witnesses, in almost every state in the United States, their arrest, imprisonment, beating, choking, tarring and feathering, and other abuse, mainly by agents of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. How, then, is it that he could say, in his address to the United Spanish War Veterans:

This country was founded by pioneers who came here to escape political or religious persecution. Since then millions of others have followed them. They have found happy homes in the New World. When they sailed from their homes in the Old World they left behind the enmities which divide nation from nation, race from race, creed from creed, class from class. The spirit of democratic America will not tolerate such hatreds and divisions here.—In *New York Times*.

The Roman Catholic Hierarchy is not being persecuted in South Africa. Far from it. It is doing its best to align the natives on the side of Hitler and the totalitarian states with which he is associated. Under the headline "Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia" the *London Daily Telegraph* of August 1, 1939, contained a report of a discussion in the British House of Lords on the possible amalgamation of the two colonies. One of the speakers was Lord Marley. In one of these two countries (he did not say which) he said:

In a school for native teachers I found books containing pictures of Berlin, swastikas and "Heil Hitler" and the various insignia of aggressiveness. These came from a German Catholic mission.

Afraid the people will learn some of the truths of history, the representatives of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in South Africa hollered "Bloody murder!" because one of the postage stamps in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Huguenots showed a sun rising over dark clouds. The Roman Catholic Church was not mentioned in any way, but, for reasons best known to the squawkers and to every student of history, it is believed by the Hierarchy that the dark clouds represent earth's greatest curse, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, and its teachings and practices.

The Rearming of Germany



In the year 1938 the following democracies did what they could to rearm Germany and prepare her for the Munich peace which ensued. Opposite the name of each democracy is set the number of tons of scrap iron and steel which each such democracy

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sold to their avowed and prospective enemy:

United States 462,782	Netherlands 93,679
Belgium 244,842	France 82,560
Great Britain 117,818	Luxemburg 58,219

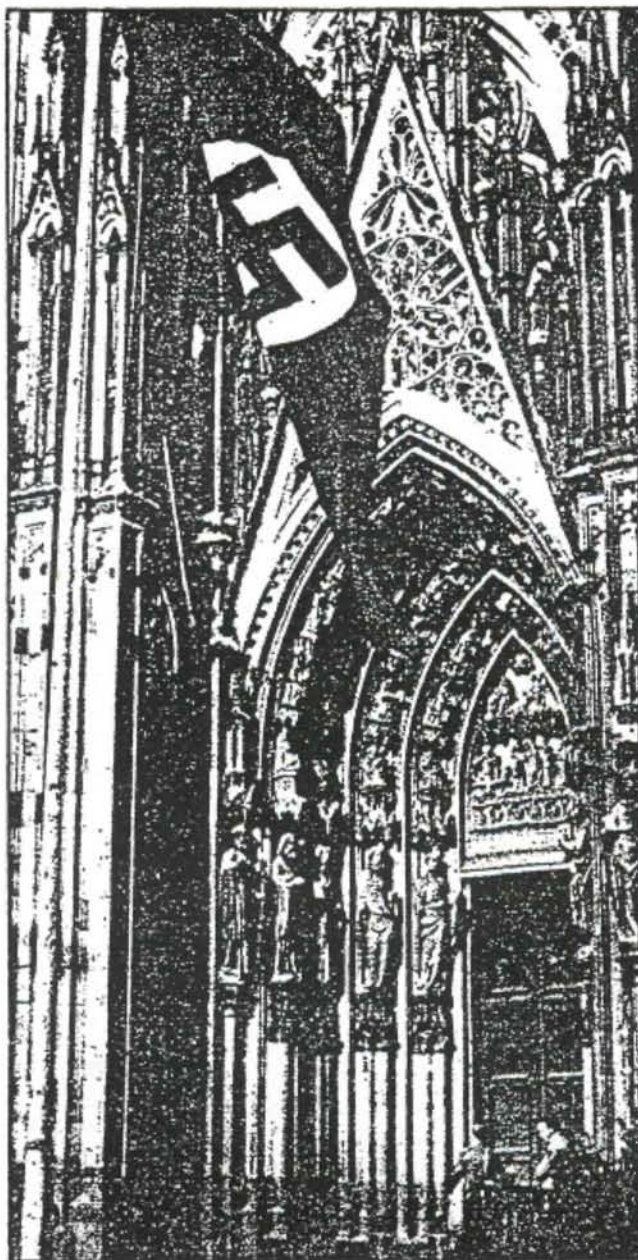
For the past fifteen years Germany has been buying the entire output of a Swedish arsenic mine, and storing it, 100,000 tons at a time. At the I. G. works at Essen are 28,000 workers engaged in making bombs which have this arsenic as a base. When the bombs fall there is no gas mask that can withstand the smoke that issues forth from these bombs. As the odor penetrates the mask the wearer becomes deathly sick, yanks off the mask and dies. Persons in this day would be hard put to it to imagine a worse hell than has been developed right here on terra firma. The clergy are ready to bless any part of this hell, for a consideration. All they ask is that the big Devil whom they love and whom they serve will make it hot for those who are exposing their racket throughout "Christendom".

None of this has been done without the knowledge of the pope, and none of it without his approval. Plenty of newspapermen know this, but fear to tell it, and cannot get the newspapers to put their stories in type even if they do tell it. The exceptions are few and far between, and they have to be mighty careful what they say. "Perdix" is one of the exceptions.

"Perdix," noted foreign affairs expert, contributes a column to various western papers
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that has something in it besides words. The Tacoma Times and the Santa Barbara News Press recently carried a column well worth reading, which the Times labeled "Perdix Points to Pope; Sees Practiced Hand of Vatican Behind Political Moves of Europe's Powers". This column, published June 21, drew attention to "the published intimation that His Holiness the Pope would look with apprehension upon a tripartite Anglo-French-Soviet pact" (because that would hinder the loyal Catholic Hitler from overrunning the world), and contained the following paragraph which, for reasons best known to themselves, other newspapermen avoid mentioning.

Economic experts believe the church's holdings in Greater Germany, which (excluding Czechoslovakia) are reliably estimated at equivalent to about \$20,000,000,000, may have been a determining factor. Also, the Vatican's conviction that German expansion into the east—into predominant Catholic areas—is a foregone conclusion; hence, that a modus vivendi with the reich is not only desirable, but imperative. High Catholic circles, incidentally, are convinced that a growing number



Cologne (Germany) Cathedral flying swastika

of Catholics among German population will in time be a moderating influence per se, and should therefore be cultivated. That Vatican influence has been steadily rising in England in the last two years is an open secret.

As is well known, the rearming of Germany was both physical and mental. Hitler is a past master in the art of rabble-rousing, feebly imitated in the United States by "Father"

Coughlin—both trained in the same devilish school, and, to date, both abject followers of and worshipers of the Roman Catholic system. Respecting Hitler's achievements over the radio (worked out largely by Goebbels, his propaganda manager) Edgar Weir, in the *London News Chronicle* of April 11, 1939, wrote:

Radio propaganda is like the fascinating eye of a serpent that attempts to hypnotize its victim until it allows itself to be swallowed without resistance.

Germany has recently developed an entirely new system of expansion. After a period of "build-up" to win the confidence of foreign listeners, they are gradually treated to more and more propaganda describing the beauties of Germany and how smoothly everything works there. Then they are told of the terrible conditions in other countries, including their own. They are taught to be discontented with their own governments. They are promised mountains of gold and good things. Finally, the broadcasts take on an aggressive tone. They become less truthful. What the Germans call "Hetzpropaganda" and "Atrocity Propaganda", and of which they accuse the foreign Press and radio, is used with great effect by their own stations.

When the Titanic was finished and started on its maiden trip it was announced that it was unsinkable. It never got across even once. It ran into an iceberg and, after being sliced from end to end, went down off Newfoundland, to rise no more. More recently the Fuehrer completed, at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars and with the aid of 300,000 slaves, a 400-mile line of forts from Switzerland to the Netherlands. Hitler pronounced the completed line as invincible and impregnable, and within a week the Rhine rose to an unwonted height and swamped machine-gun nests and would have drowned their occupants except that they could and did flee to higher ground. The story came from France. The Germans say it is not true.

Preparations for Big Putsch in Britain



Major Hugh B. C. Pollard, English Catholic, has the unique distinction of being responsible for the death of 2,000,000 of his fellow men. It was he who, under instructions from higher-ups in his "faith", illegally flew a plane to Franco the Butcher, then in exile in the Canary islands. He occupied a seat of so-called "honor" in the victory parade in Madrid, because without his treachery the 2,000,000 would never have been slain and Franco would not now be privileged to murder

whom he will. It was a Roman Catholic achievement throughout and typical of the history of earth's most diabolical system of rackets.

No sooner had Britain begun to take refugees from Czechoslovakia than the dreaded Gestapo of Germany began to come in, in the guise of refugees themselves, and they had no sooner than landed when they began the works of intimidation of German servant girls and other German workers as only the Gestapo could or would do.

A sad note, since Britain entered the war, is that the new gas masks for babies were made in gay and attractive colors so that their mothers could teach the little things to play with them. What a travesty this so-called "civilization" has become!

One of the principal vehicles that the Hierarchy uses at a time like this, or at any time, to carry on its work of promoting the rise of the totalitarian states at the expense of the people is the confessional. Speaking of this diabolical system of snooping into the public and private affairs of everybody, Sydney Morrell, writing in the *Glasgow Scottish Daily Express*, lauds the pope to the skies, exaggerates the number of his followers and spills the beans when he says of the espionage branch of the racket:

Pius the Twelfth is the head of 375,000,000 Roman Catholics and the Vatican is the best informed of all Governments, which is to say that it is best informed on the ways and thoughts of millions of men and women who build up nations. The archbishops and cardinals who send their regular reports to Rome obtain their material from the pastors and parish priests who are intimately in touch with their flocks.

America to Go Down Also

America is part of the "Seventh World Power", and is scheduled to go down also before the totalitarian monstrosity which has its real headquarters at Vatican City. It will be grabbed peacefully, if possible, and politicians, preachers and plutocrats will be used to put it over, but the Hierarchy is not taking any chances and intends to silence Jehovah's witnesses, law or no law, and utterly regardless of what may be the desires or even the knowledge or intentions of the American people. To do this they have to have the aid of the Press, and that they have, for they control it absolutely. No American newspaper dares buck the Hierarchy. To do so is to lose all its advertisers and many of its subscribers, and thus to FAIL.

Says Roy Goodrich, on this subject of the Press and the weak-kneed public officials who do nothing even when the evidence is in front of them constantly:

The Saturday Evening Post of May 27, 1939, features an article entitled "Star-Spangled Fascists", under a large photograph of a nocturnal conclave of such, in which the American flag occupies a prominent place. To the average American reader, blindfolded and unwary, this article puts across with power the idea that American democracy is both helpless and hopeless before a few un-American upstarts whose background is dark, whose organizations are secret, and whose mysterious finances "come in over the transom". This article is cited at random as a fair sample of that which is supposedly and allegedly "best" in American journalism. Such journalism is supposedly and allegedly "uncensored" and "free", and is confessedly 100-percent (or more) "patriotic".

Why, in such published articles, is not the darkness of the average unwary reader enlightened with a reminder that democracy has plenty of old, gray-headed laws on the subjects of sedition and treason? Why is not the public awakened to know that the mass of published and admitted facts prove beyond all doubt that there are many Fascist and Nazi seditionists and traitors at work in this country, and that the laws have teeth in them for such? Why is real 100-percent democratic action, that is, patriotic law enforcement, not even mentioned, much less advocated? Why? The plain answer may be summed up in two words, namely, "Catholic Action"; but from the sepulcher of a free and patriotic journalism comes only the resounding echo, "Why?"

All national, state and city officials have taken patriotic oaths to promote the general welfare of the people who pay them by justly and diligently upholding and enforcing the Constitution and laws of America. Where are these officials while American liberties are sacked and exported to Rome? Why is no traitor even "out on bail"? Why do seditionists roam at large with unlimited freedom of press and radio to advocate "bullets instead of

ballots" and the impaling of law-abiding citizens on red-hot spikes? Why are such wicked and wholesale crimes camouflaged and countenanced as "constitutional liberties" by an emasculated press and by a supine and cringing officialdom? To real patriotic, law-abiding Americans such as Jehovah's witnesses, the strong-arm squad makes answer with a cuff and a curse: "Stop telling on them! Shut up!! Salute the flag, and be patriotic like they are!!! Come on with us for a ride!!!" Democracy?

Catholic Action? Look in the WATCHTOWER publications, unwary reader, and lift the blindfold!

Gasparri to Put It Over

Cardinal Gasparri left Rome, so Rome dispatches to the *New York Times* say, for the express job of doing his part in bringing about the opening of diplomatic relations between the United States Government and the pope at Vatican City. He is "to work out a legal framework" for the job, and is sure to have Jehovah's witnesses in mind.

The *New York Times* has a headline entitled "Catholic Airmen Gather".

What is strange about that? A lot is strange. Suppose the Methodists had been parties to the destruction of the governments of Ethiopia, Albania, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Spain, and had outspokenly proclaimed their intention to seize the United States, and incidentally to murder everybody who teaches differently from the Methodists, and you should see a headline "Methodist Airmen Gather". Would it make you think? It surely would; if you have anything above your neck.

Somebody's cat came near getting out of the bag at Los Angeles when "authorities couldn't locate anyone who would admit owning \$70,000 worth of artillery shells and hand grenades stored in a Los Angeles warehouse". Probably the trail got too hot. After America has been grabbed, as it will be, a lot of the



Pope's gift to America

"authorities" will poke one another in the ribs and laugh at the close calls they had while the conspiracy was on, and how only the co-operation of the Rome-controlled press enabled them to get away with it.

"The Coughlin Terror"



Under the title "The Coughlin Terror", James Wechsler, in *The Nation* for July 22, 1939, has over five pages of exceedingly interesting information regarding the peculiar conduct of many of the 12,000 Irish Catholic policemen in New York in Coughlin's so-called "Christian Front". One of their number boasted that 6,000 of the police are members of the "Front" itself.

Mr. Wechsler mentions the repeated stabblings, street fights and neighborhood tensions that have come to pass, and how, because of fear of the Catholic Church, the reporters of the *New York Times* take their stories to the executive offices, not to the composing room, and the antique *Herald Tribune* follows suit.

A young girl hears one of the Coughlinites making attacks on parties designated only by the word "they". She timidly asks the speaker who is meant. Immediately a hundred Catholics are kicking and pushing and pummeling, and two men grab her and throw her down. She is rescued by two policemen, but no arrests are made.

Samuel Applebaum, for saying to a husky Irish Catholic gangster in Union Square, "We Jews also fought in the World War," was attacked and stabbed and at last accounts the case had been postponed four times.

Coughlin's followers sell his paper "Social Justice" all over New York, but when a gentleman who believes in fair play was handing out reprints from the *New York Post* showing where Coughlin had been repeating the very words of Goebbels, John Dugan (guess his "church") walked over and without warning knocked the man senseless on the ground. Dugan offered no defense, was praised for his frankness, was told to count thirty before doing it again, and sentence was suspended. At his trial one of the judges on the bench admonished witnesses to disobey the command of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and to refer to Coughlin as "Father" Coughlin.

By contrast, when Thomas Maloney called a girl who was passing by a "Jew bastard", and Nathan Smulin, also a passer-by, seized one of Maloney's papers and slapped him with

it, Smulin was arrested, not Maloney, and Magistrate Burke (guess his "church") added "malicious mischief" to the charge of simple assault and held him in \$2,000 bail.

When a public-school teacher started to argue with one of the "Social Justice" salesmen she was called vile names and jostled, and when a near-by storekeeper went to her rescue he was arrested. The salesmen of "Social Justice" have developed the lying technique of punctuating their cries of the name of their paper with expressions such as "A big Jew hit me" or "The Jew spit on her". And this method works.

At Rockaway Park, where "Social Justice" has been sold on the streets for months, when a man undertook to sell "Equality", telling the other side of the story, his papers were thrown to the ground, and as he stooped to pick them up he was kicked in the head; and while he lay sprawled on the ground one of the two idle policemen standing by fractured his skull by a blow with his club. Fine officers of the law!

On the other hand, at Union Square, William Frank, previously arrested for raping a minor and for burglary, accosted a young girl, calling her a "red whore", but because he was selling "Social Justice" his sentence was deferred. In the court of Magistrate Michael A. Ford, Miss Florence Nash, another abusive salesman of "Social Justice", was given a suspended sentence of thirty days in the workhouse. All she had to do was to weep a little. The magistrate did say to her, "He who instills such ideas in your head, be he a priest or anyone else, does not belong in this country." Coughlin can take that or leave it; and he will probably leave it.

Of course, it is enough of a disgrace to be a Coughlinite. That of itself is bad enough. It is well known that Allen Zoll was chairman of the meeting, addressed by numerous Catholic priests, which resulted in the picketing of radio station WMCA because it would not broadcast Coughlin's addresses. It seems that five days after the Coughlinites tried to break up the meeting of Jehovah's witnesses in Madison Square Garden, Zoll thought the time had come to cash in, so, as alleged, he offered, for the sum of \$7,000, to have the picketing of WMCA cease and was paid \$200 in marked money, cash in hand. Then he was arrested and jailed.

(To be continued)

Fighting for Liberty in Hubbard, Ohio

HUBBARD, Ohio, is only a small village of about 2,500 inhabitants. Yet, in the more recent past, it has assumed the position of censoring other people's activities. It has gone on record "against God's kingdom".

In the following I shall relate a remarkable story of chicanery on the side of Hubbard, and of faithfulness on the side of Jehovah's witnesses.

Some months ago a company of Jehovah's witnesses was organized, a hall was rented in Hubbard, and from the very small beginning of 8 publishers this company rapidly flourished all the way up to 28 publishers. The enemy did not like that.

Like all companies, this company began walking on the sidewalks of Hubbard, advertising their public meetings. The religionists there, led by one "Rev." Brennan, Catholic priest, objected strenuously to the sign "Religion is a Snare and a Racket" and caused the police to remonstrate with the witnesses.

On May 13, a Saturday, the witnesses walked up and down Hubbard streets. They were stopped by the marshal. He told them they had to get a permit. The witness went on, heedless of this marshal's warning. On May 15, the very next legal business day, the council of the village scurried together, which meeting resulted in the concoction of "An Ordinance of Emergency" ostensibly directed against Jehovah's witnesses. Ordinarily, hereabout, it takes three readings to make an ordinance lawful. In this case it was done overnight. This ordinance made the securing of a permit mandatory. The speed with which this ordinance was enacted, the language in which it was couched, and the extraordinary power it grants the executive, form only a thinly veiled attempt at coercion and intimidation.

Thus they hoped to stop the work of Jehovah's witnesses. But Jehovah's witnesses do not scare. On May 27, Hubbard police picked up two men, and charged them with violating this ordinance. A trial was set. The arrests took place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, and only fourteen hours later Jehovah's witnesses retaliated with a blast of publicity. Fifteen thousand folders entitled "Two Christians Arrested in Hubbard" were spread all over the Mahoning Valley, inviting the people to come to a Protest meeting to be held at the hall of Jehovah's witnesses at Hubbard at 3 p.m.

Six hundred people arrived. A loud-speaker equipment was installed on the premises and outlets were arranged for on the grounds surrounding the building, which were under lease by Jehovah's witnesses. As the speaker progressed, about ten minutes, Marshal Greer appeared and insisted the loud-speaker be disconnected. Jehovah's witnesses refused to yield. Finally, Greer, heroically, pulled his gun, and tore down the equipment, and thus broke up a peaceable assembly of Americans without a warrant of search and seizure.

Jehovah's witnesses did not take that lying down. On the following Saturday, June 10, 85 walked into Hubbard featuring signs. Thirty-four were picked up by the police, among them 18 children, and, without due process of law, were incarcerated for two to two and a quarter hours and then released without filing charges. Jehovah's witnesses immediately countered with twenty damage suits against the officials of Hubbard for \$5,000 each, for false arrests, and for defamation of character. Then a definite plan of resistance was put into action, a slow war of attrition began.

1. Fifty thousand pamphlets, telling the story of Hubbard persecution, were printed and widely distributed.

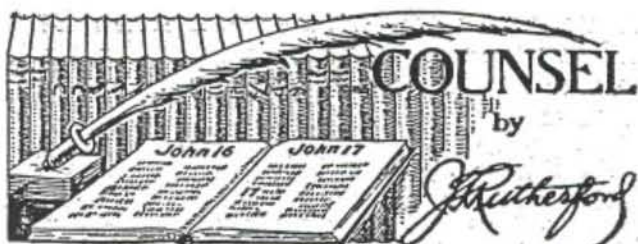
2. On all highways leading into Hubbard land was leased, and huge signs "HUBBARD IS UNFAIR; HUBBARD IS UN-AMERICAN" were erected, and these picket posts were manned by faithful witnesses, and for eight weeks now this has gone on uninterrupted, the witnesses distributing specially arranged handbills, published once every fortnight, and placing thousands of booklets. The total of placements up to the present, on these "picket-posts", has been 22,500. A truly remarkable witness. From far and wide, cars have stopped and received this information, from everywhere.

This has made great inroads on Hubbard, and their reputation is nil at the present. In an editorial the editor of the *Hubbard News* writes thus:

WHAT ABOUT OUR REPUTATION?

... The supposedly filed suit in federal court, the more than 30 suits in the county court of common pleas, the publicity which this group has succeeded in getting, might eventually give Hubbard a reputation it possibly does not merit. The ques-

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The American Legion

AN ARDENT member of the American Legion, who is also an enthusiastic supporter of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy organization, recently stated to me the following: "The American Legion stands for everything that is American." If that statement were literally true no American citizen could find fault with the Legion. It is not true. The so-called "American Legion" stands for many things that are not American. The real brains of the organization, the men who conceived the idea of the organization and the building of it up in the United States for selfish purposes, are men of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, who proceed under the immediate direction of Vatican City. That organization, of course, is foreign to America and is against the foundation principles of the American government. No doubt many sincere Americans, because they were in the World War, have been induced to join this Legion upon the representation that it is for the purpose of protecting American interests. In this they have been deceived, as all the facts show. The Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the Fascists are working together to gain control of America, and they proceed always in a subtle manner so as to conceal their real purpose.

The American Constitution guarantees freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom of worship of Almighty God. The American Legion is against all of these fundamental principles.

At the instance of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the Legion, and a similar organization called the "Americanization Assembly", two bills were introduced in the Legislature of California during the year, which bills if they had been enacted into law would destroy the liberties guaranteed by the American Constitution. One of those bills would compel the school children to salute the flag, even though such children have been taught and believe that the law of Almighty God is supreme and it is their duty to obey God's law, which law of God forbids any Christian to bow down to or salute any flag, image or person. That bill

would put the law of the State as supreme and above the law of Almighty God, and is therefore against the principles of the American Constitution. Long ago the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the United States is a Christian nation, which means that the law of God is supreme and must be obeyed rather than the law of man. Good citizens of the United States for 150 years have obeyed the law of the land without being compelled to violate the law of God. But the Vatican and the Legion would coerce the people into disregarding God's law and obeying man's law.

Another bill was introduced and pressed in the Legislature, making it a crime to publish, print, write or multigraph any book, speech, article, statement, circular or pamphlet, or for any person to have in his possession such literature, that in any way or in any part thereof might tend to promote hostility to a religious organization. Manifestly that bill originated with the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the purpose was to prevent anyone from publishing anything that exposes the duplicity of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and their wrongful efforts to grab control of the American government.

Governor Olson, who is a broad-minded American and who believes in the principles of the American Constitution, was against said bills. Because thereof the Catholic Press and the American Legion have abused the governor and referred to him as a supporter of Communism, well knowing that such publication is false.

Everywhere in the earth the Roman Catholic Hierarchy brands all opponents of the Catholic system as Communists. From their viewpoint everyone in America who does not agree with the efforts of the Vatican to gain control of America is branded as a Communist.

It is well known that the Vatican and Fascism and Nazism work hand in glove together. Since the beginning of war by Hitler against England and France a representative of Hitler, at a Bund meeting in Philadelphia, boldly announced that Hitler could whip the whole world. There was no effort on the part of the Legion or the Roman Catholic organization to stop that meeting or to even criticize the speaker. Certainly the spreading of propaganda by such men as Kuhn is against American principles. The Legion winks at such with evident approval.

Recently the Legion and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy joined in an effort to prevent

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Christians in the city of San Antonio, Texas, from advertising their meeting to study the Bible. Shortly thereafter the American Legion and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy organized a mob against a Communist meeting, and in the same city. It is true that American citizens are not in favor of Communism, but the mayor of the city held that in harmony with the Constitution they had a right to meet. The American Legion, and the Roman Catholic organization, led by a Catholic priest, broke up that meeting and assaulted the police, and were guilty of many acts of open violence. Certainly that conduct could not be classed as Americanism!

Recently the American Legion and the Roman Catholic Hierarchy have attempted to break up meetings of Christian people assembled in Seattle, Washington, in Portland, Oregon, in New Orleans, in Oklahoma, and in many other parts of the United States. The same combination in Hubbard, Ohio, has caused a reign of terror in that part of the state in the past few weeks in their efforts to prevent Christian people from assembling and peaceably worshipping Almighty God. Much more evidence can be furnished, of course, showing the un-American conduct of the combination of Fascists, Nazis, Roman Catholic

Hierarchy and the so-called "American Legion" indulging in that which is wholly contrary to the principles guaranteed by the American Constitution.

When an organization, such as the so-called "American Legion", brings before the people accusations against a high-minded American citizen like Governor Olson they should come with clean hands. Their hands are anything but clean, and their criticism of Governor Olson will not be endorsed by any American citizens who love righteousness and hate iniquity.

The American people are not all being deceived by the garb worn by men who claim to be safeguarding American interests. It will be found upon investigation that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is instigating all such movements to tear down the morale of America and to turn the people away from a democratic form of government, and, above all, to turn them away from the worship of Almighty God and the support of His kingdom under Christ. The American Legion is another religious institution. It puts fear into the minds of men, and the result is to draw them into the Devil's snare: "The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."—Proverbs 29: 25.

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tion is, do we deserve the reputation we are getting or are we less astute in the sense of publicity and less anxious to make our town look stupid than some persons who enjoy the facilities of the town to promote their religious beliefs? . . . Others feel that if the group had been permitted to go about its activities of parading, even without a permit passing literature, conducting mass meetings, unmolested, there would have been no trouble. Regardless of what might have been, the truth now is that Hubbard is attracting unfavorable attention all over this region. What are we going to do about it? We wish we knew. . . .

3. Then on the following Saturday, in July, there suddenly appeared over Hubbard a green airplane and 5,000 folders entitled "Catholic Action at Work" fluttered down to the consternation of Hubbard residents who eagerly picked up the folders. Excerpts from this folder are:

Forged by the late Ambrose Ratti, Catholic Action is rapidly becoming the prong upon which the Hierarchy intends to impale all who dare differ with her teachings and her political ambitions. Past masters in the use of force, threats, coercion,

and at instigating mob-violence, they are stooping to conquer the world, and, wherever mob-action and threats of boycott are used against the free exercise of speech and discussion, you can always detect the slimy hands of that wicked politico-religious foreign power, especially when in such mob-action you notice the use of rotten fruits, vegetables and eggs. Does not the Lord say: "By their fruits ye shall know them"? . . .

4. A suit was filed in Warren, county seat of Trumbull county, asking a restrainer.

Then, a temporary injunction was granted, the first of its kind in our work! On Saturday afternoon the witnesses walked, and the police had to let them do it. They were supposed to protect us, but they didn't do a thing. Rotten tomatoes and eggs spoiled many a suit and dress, but the witnesses went on. One witness was attacked by eight hoodlums, who robbed him of his camera and valuable papers. (A suit against the police for \$5,000 is pending.) The police refused to arrest the culprits and to make an attempt to retrieve the camera. Another witness was set on fire. Others were

Hubbard, O. is Unfair; Hubbard, O. is Un-American!

The Story of Persecution in Hubbard, Ohio.

The fight of Jehovah's witnesses against petty tyranny and rank lawlessness in the village of Hubbard is a fight for the maintenance of American liberties and concerns all Americans. Egged on by religionists, Bowers and Greer began their present campaign against Jehovah's witnesses in the hope of finishing Jehovah's witnesses within a few

weeks. Since this objective has not materialized, leaving Bowers and Greer on a limb, deserted by their religionist cohorts - who always work behind the scenes, in the dark - they find themselves the instigators of riots, mob-violence and like Greer, ready to mercilessly beat up innocent men and women.

Lawlessness in Hubbard Presages The Advent of Fascism!

Squalls of smoke are over the Mahoning Valley. Ordinarily, the smoke comes from the stacks of the mills making steel. Unrest and strife, disrupting normal relations between individuals and Nations, has gradually diminished the work in these mills, and that type of smoke over the Mahoning Valley. Yet, there still is smoke, squalid and black, biting to the eyes, forbidding evil times to come, for there is fire in Hubbard, where American liberties are being burnt crisp and diluted into blinding smoke!

The heritage of our forebears, gained thru unbelievable hardships, is being squandered and destroyed by a set of petty officials, backed by a powerful foreign organization - which in an insidious move for power - has permeated

all political life in these United States, and now is poised to take control of our Government and to raise up a Catholic-Fascist dictatorship.

Because Americans have for so long enjoyed the sweet taste of unhampered freedom and liberty, have enjoyed the absence of petty tyranny, of sniping officialdom, of restricting peering regulations, they have forgotten that such things exist and in their present apathy, are easily falling prey to an avalanche of laws and ordinances slowly sapping the free flow of precious freedom and liberty. Under the guise of Patriotism and Americanism, statutes are impressed into our laws, which slowly are forging the chains of thralldom. Covetous eyes are cast in our direction. Predatory Powers, with a complete set of rules, are preparing a grab.

pelted, everywhere. A pamphlet, "Our Grievances Against Hubbard," was printed and widely distributed.

A protest meeting took place the next day, at which a thousand people appeared. Sawed-off shotguns and tear-gas guns and other weapons were in evidence as the sheriff's force took over Hubbard.

The next day, while we were gathering at the hall, a number of rowdies gathered, with the intent to make us "kiss the flag". A whispering campaign had been conducted against Jehovah's witnesses with the intent to make people believe that we are against the flag. When the writer observed the gathering of a huge ugly mob, he ordered that four huge flags be put across the outside windows of our hall. The effect was instantaneous. The mob dispersed and didn't know what to think of it. Our reasoning is, Jehovah's witnesses are about the only people that truly stand for what the American flag stands for. We believe in the principles for which it stands. Just because we will not take off our hats to it, or

FREEDOM OF WORSHIP BANNED IN HUBBARD!

Incidents of the Past Three Weeks!

BOWERS LURKING IN THE

AFRAID TO COME OUT IN THE OPEN

Lurking in the background, snooping amidst the mob, Bowers, the namesake of Hubbard, plays his nefarious role. He prefers to wait in his office, tear signs off people and otherwise mal-treat them. To Earl Singer, East Liverpool, one of Jehovah's witnesses, when arrested by officers of Hubbard, this fine specimen of a peace officer said, "(lifting his fist) I should like to ram this down your throat." Fine talk for the chief executive of a Village. The Village of Hubbard should hang its head in shame. The inhabitants of the Village of Hubbard are to be pitied!

GREER'S VALIANT DEED.

On Saturday, Aug. 19th, Ed Hall, an innocent bystander watching from the opposite side the meeting of Jehovah's witnesses at Hubbard, found himself confronted with a mob of hoodlums who upon learning that he was one of Jehovah's witnesses, began to beat him. Greer, instead of helping him, used his black-jack on the man and others, police-officers, gave Mr. Hall a merciless beating and then threw him into a filthy cell, refusing him medical attention. Hall was left there all night, bleeding profusely. Instead of helping a man in distress, attacked by a mob, Greer, the highlight of Hubbard, turns on the mobbed one, joins the mob, and does his dirty work. That man has the unmitigated gall to call himself an American peace officer. He is unfit to hold any office and we hope that the day will come soon, when this petty snooping tyrant gets his just due.

17 YEAR OLD GIRL HAS

NERVOUS BREAKDOWN!

Another victim of Hubbard police brutality. Little Dolores Hall, a faithful witness for Jehovah, while in the best of health, marched or walked on the streets of Hubbard, peacefully, advertising the meetings of her group. Attacked by the police, dragged to the station, she found herself treated like a criminal, all of which was a profound shock to the poor girl who now as a result, suffers a severe breakdown.

DEPORTATION.

American citizens, coming to Hubbard to worship God after the dictates of their own "conscience" find themselves picked up - against their will - from the streets on an American City and without much further ado actually kidnapped and finally carried out by force to the city limits of Hubbard and there dumped out like so much cattle. This is KIDNAPING and will be prosecuted as such.

FOURTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL HURT!

Driving from the assembly at Hubbard, accompanying her mother, little Coleen Workman, 14, finds herself mobbed and is injured with a stone, hitting her squarely on her forehead. It seems impossible to assemble peaceably in Hubbard. Every time Jehovah's witnesses gather for worship, a huge hostile crowd gathers opposite their hall, and loud boos ensue and rotten tomatoes and eggs are thrown at the worshippers, disrupting their assemblies. The police stand idly by. They make no effort to disperse the hoodlums.

What would these same police do if a group of Jehovah's witnesses would gather in front of the Catholic Church and bang a few windows in, and otherwise make themselves obnoxious? Yet, they have permitted the large window in the hall of Jehovah's witnesses to be bashed in!

They would disperse us quickly and that rightly so. On the other hand, Jehovah's witnesses would not gather like that, believing as they do, that everybody has a right to the expression of his own belief, and that even includes the Catholic faith, political though it is.

MOB-VIOLENCE INJURES TWO!

Charles Shakely and William Davis, were the victims of a foul attack of gangsters upon the hall of Jehovah's witnesses. This mob, led by a vociferous and bellicose maron, attempted to lynch some of Jehovah's witnesses. For weeks this man has been bragging that he will get some of Jehovah's witnesses. The police know about it, yet, he appears to be immune. Both Shakely and Davis were injured in this foray. Hubbard police stood idly by. Some police!

make obeisance to it, does not mean that we don't stand for what it stands for!

Then for the trial in Warren. For a whole day we presented witnesses. The outcome, a decision which has not been understood by either side up to this very day. The fight goes on.

The following week we walked once more in Hubbard. The publishers were picked up, taken to the police station and there had their property stolen from them and then were released.

All the time the newspapers of the Valley featured big headlined articles in our favor. Many front-page stories appeared, and the people began to be really interested, making this a big issue.

The writer has received many threats. Three attempts to murder him have been made up to date. Letters are in his possession. He was buttonholed in broad daylight on a main street in Youngstown and warned "The finger is on you".

Then, on that Saturday, a mob gathered,

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PROTEST MEETING!

Thousands of Americans agree that Hubbard persecution of Christians must end!

Resolution Adopted

WE, who are citizens of the United States and of the State of Ohio and of the State of Pennsylvania, being now duly assembled at Youngstown, Ohio, this 20th day of August, A.D. 1939, for the purpose of worshipping Almighty God in spirit and in truth, do now make this public declaration, to wit:

WE fully support the fundamental principles of the American government and the Laws of the land which guarantee freedom of assembly, freedom of worship, and insist that all persons should obey the Laws of the land that are in harmony with Almighty God.

RECENTLY lawless persons in Hubbard, Ohio, and in that vicinity have openly and flagrantly and wilfully violated the laws of the land and particularly with the right of worship of Almighty God as guaranteed by the Constitution and the right of freedom of speech and the right of freedom of assembly.

THAT many fanatical persons have been induced and incited by priests of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy to indulge in unlawfully interfering with public assemblies of Christians, and wilfully and unlawfully attempted to break up lawful, peaceable assemblies of men and women who have assembled to worship God, and have otherwise wilfully and deliberately interfered with citizens of this State and Nation worshipping Almighty God.

WE vigorously protest against such lawlessness and call upon all order-loving God-fearing citizens to take their stand firmly and unequivocally against all such lawlessness on the part of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, Fascists, Nazis and other radicals who are attempting by unlawful means to gain control of the American government.

WE hold that all persons are entitled to believe and practice their belief concerning religion or other matters and that without interference, but we insist that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and its allies, Fascists, Nazis, or others, have no right to interfere with citizens who meet together to study God's Word or to worship God or to otherwise lawfully assemble and carry on their meetings.

WE warn the American people of a conspiracy now in existence and being carried out throughout the earth and which conspiracy was incubated and hatched at Vatican City, Rome, by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and which has spread throughout the nations; that said conspiracy has already destroyed the freedom of democracies in Europe and is now attempting to destroy the democracy of America and to take away all the liberties of the people.

WE therefore solemnly protest against Communism, Nazism, Fascism, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, the so-called "Christian Front" and other radical organizations that are using the name of religion in America as a cloak or shield, behind which unlawful acts are performed with the purpose of destroying the liberties of the American people.

WE call upon all honest and sincere persons, be they Catholics, Jews, Christians, non-believers and others, to stand firmly for what is right as enunciated by the Constitution of the United States.

WE point to the further fact that the kingdom of Almighty God by Christ Jesus is the only means of protection and salvation and, therefore, we invite all persons, regardless of belief, to study the Word of God which alone explains the disturbed conditions amongst the nations of earth today and which points out the complete remedy for such conditions.

WE hold it is entirely wrong to persecute any people because of race, religion, or color; we hold that all men are born with the inalienable and equal rights of exercising freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, and freedom of worship, so long as the same does not endanger the public welfare.

WE point to the clear distinction between religion and Christianity. Religion is merely a formalism based on the traditions and teachings of men and carried out for selfish purposes, whereas Christianity means the true and faithful obedience to the laws of Almighty God following in the footsteps of Christ Jesus our Lord and Redeemer. We urge all order-loving people to study the Scriptures and let God's Word be their guide.

4,500 AMERICANS ADOPTED THIS RESOLUTION WITH A MIGHTY "AYE!"

and when they glimpsed the writer they began rioting and attacked with the attempt to lynch. Stones and bricks flew and a real battle raged, Jehovah's witnesses defending themselves valiantly. Two of Jehovah's witnesses were injured. The police refused to stop the riot, and then refused to arrest the instigators.

The district attorney in Warren refused to swear out warrants. We countered with three suits of \$5,000 each, suing the county commissioners.

Then, on the following Saturday, Judge Rutherford authorized Zone No. 2 to aid us. A large hall was rented in near-by Youngstown. We marched once more in Hubbard. A huge protest meeting was held in the heart of Hubbard. Thus detracting the attention of the hoodlums, and the police, we had other groups, unknown to the brethren assembled at the heart of the city, walk with placards all over the city. When the police found out, they became enraged. One witness was attacked by them, knocked unconscious, and severely

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Learn about Jehovah's Provisions!

PICKETS

All along the highways leading into Hubbard, you will find men and women devoting much of their time, to enlighten people about these Un-American tactics of the Hubbard officials. These men, Bowers and Greer, are a blot on the Mahoning Valley. Unfit to hold office, they should be impeached and it is our prayer, that the Lord of Hosts, may soon rise up and eliminate all the wicked from the earth.

KINGDOM

Jehovah's kingdom is at hand. Flee now into the place of safety. Learn about the truth, and take your stand on the side of Jehovah God. "Religion, which for so long has held a place of esteem in your minds, is only a 'Snare and a Racket.' Have nothing to do with it. Turn unto God's word the Bible and ditch the doctrines of men.

READ "SALVATION"

A book, especially written for the people of good will, has just been released. Its contents are filled to the brim with life-giving water, so badly needed for the enlightenment of those of good will. Write Jehovah's witnesses, 225 W. Boardman, Youngstown, O. and obtain a copy of this book; in order to defray the expense of printing, you may contribute 25 cents. Get your Salvation now!

Hubbard, O., is Unfair: Hubbard is Un-American

Help us regain our rights, so ruthlessly trampled on by the administrative officials of Hubbard. The editor of the "Hubbard News" is worried about Hubbard's reputation. Write him, since he wants to know what he and other decent citizens of Hubbard can do! Address such letters to "Editor of Hubbard News, Hubbard, O." Help us! By writing to "President of the Hubbard Village Council, Hubbard, O. and telling him what you think of the crimes perpetrated by Hubbard officials. Ask Hubbard to rid itself of these Un-American officials. Write, also, to Mr. R. C. Bowers, Mayor of Hubbard, O., protesting his and Greer's action and asking him to resign, since he can not uphold American principles.

Thank You! Jehovah's witnesses.

beaten, and then thrown into jail, where he was refused medical attention, although he was bleeding profusely.* He was booked for "disturbing the peace and resisting an officer". They released him on \$500 bail, next day. Another witness was attacked by the mayor, who threatened to "ram the fist down his neck". Another witness, a girl, was so maltreated that she has had a nervous breakdown, and still another was hit between the eyes with a stone. The witnesses gathering on our Hubbard premises were attacked with all kinds of missiles. The police stood idly by.

The next day all of Hubbard was covered, and 84 names of people were obtained who desired us to make back-calls. Not all are against the Kingdom. That is why we shall continue, regardless of opposition.

Then, for the Protest meeting in the afternoon. Four thousand five hundred people

* This man, a Jonadab, while bleeding throughout the night, wrote with his own blood the significant statement "Religion is a snare and a racket".

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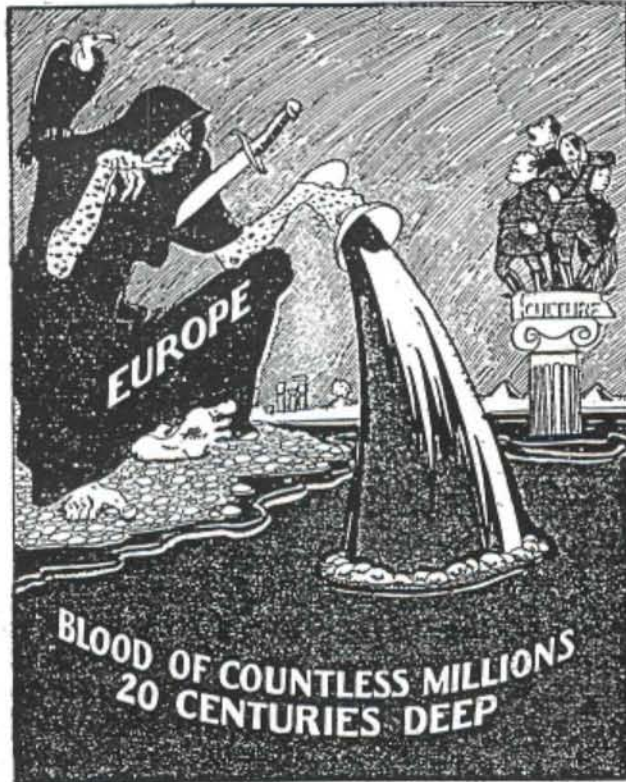
"Mare Nostrum"

◆ Mussolini calls the Mediterranean sea "Mare Nostrum", meaning "Our Sea", but it is hardly that. The British have advantageous positions at Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus, all fortified. France also has an interest in the sea, and, of course, so have Spain, Turkey and Greece. As a matter of fact, the Netherlands also has an interest in it, for it is a way to her East Indian colonies, and therefore as much a "life-line of empire" to her as to the British. Just now the Mediterranean is a nest of cruisers, battleships, destroyers, torpedo boats and submarines. Italy and Germany have 273 of these peaceable contraptions there, while France and England, just to be safe, have 151 of them handy. Great Britain is seeking the aid of Turkey to keep peace in the eastern Mediterranean, and is also trying to line up Egypt, Persia, Iraq, Arabia and Afghanistan on the side of the Anglo-French peace front, also called the anti-aggression alignment. But it is one thing to get them lined up and another to keep them that way. The Mediterranean, around which most of these peoples live, is a natural danger zone, and is called the graveyard of brave men.

Mussolini Loves to Kill

◆ Writing in the French journal *La Lumiere* the Italian writer G. A. Borgese tells of Mussolini's entry into the World War. It was at a quiet sector, and a certain understanding had been reached by the belligerents, who were entrenched but a short distance from each other. Rifle-firing and grenade-throwing were exchanged only at certain periods. When Mussolini, then editor of the *Popolo d'Italia*,

arrived he was angry at the relatively peaceful conditions, and scarcely had an enemy soldier lit a match in the evening than he threw a hand grenade in his direction, killing two men. His captain asked, "Why did you do that? They had done you no harm and were perhaps just taking a smoke and talking about their families. You have no heart." But Mussolini was greatly pleased the next day to learn that his one grenade had killed two men and injured five; and from that time onward there were no more truces between the Italians and Austrians in that sector, and revictualing of the troops was effected only at the cost of daily losses of men.



"Mare Nostrum"

would be just too bad for Italy to start to invade the United States and have the whole thing break up because somebody got nervous and called up the police headquarters. That actually happened in Staten Island in the early days of Fascism.

In Less than Four Years

◆ In less than four years from the time Mussolini said that the independence of Austria was a principle that Italy would strenuously defend, he explained why Italy did not help Austria maintain its independence by saying that Italy had never assumed any obligation to do so, either direct or indirect, either oral or written. How that boy can lie!

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Mussolini's Appeal to Force

◆ We desire that nothing more shall be heard of brotherhood, of sisterhood, of cousinhood, or other bastard relations, because the relations between States are relations of force, and these relations of force are the determining elements of our policy. The order of the day is this—more guns, more ships, more aeroplanes, at whatever cost and by whatever means, even if we have to wipe out completely what is called civilian life. When you are strong you become dear to your friends and you are feared by your enemies.—From Mussolini's address on the twentieth anniversary of his sleeping-car ride to Rome.

Hitler's Policy in Italy

◆ Italy pursuing Hitler's policy, publishers in that country may still print books written by Italian Jews but may not sell them through booksellers. If they sell them at all they must sell them themselves. Without provocation on his part the Rome correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who had been stationed in Rome for the past fourteen years, was notified that he must leave Italy within eight days. No specific reasons were given. He and his Italian wife (he himself is from Poland) had a four-month-old child.

Expulsion of Jews from Italy

◆ Aping Germany Mussolini, some days prior to March 11, 1939, expelled hundreds of Jews from Italy. The poor creatures, including women, children and old men, spent several days in the mountains, nearly dying of hunger and cold. Some lost their shoes in the snow, 200 finally were given hospital care in Mentone, France, while 150 were admitted to hospitals in Monte Carlo. Thousands were reported within sight of France, knee-deep in the snow in the passes, denied admittance to France and unable to turn back to Italy.

A Few Mad Italians

◆ Uneasy lies Goliath's head on his shoulders. Two Italians in a single month recently made attempts to kill Mussolini, but the Devil spared his life, for he has much yet to do, no doubt. A more serious matter was when a group of Italian veteran foot-racers from Brihuega, Spain, wrecked the headquarters of the Fascist Union in Naples, because, after being tricked into fighting (or running away from it) in Spain, they got back to Italy and found themselves with no jobs.

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Pegler's Description of Gayda

◆ Mussolini has made a public figure and lower-case dignitary of a hack who otherwise might never have risen above the mass of crummy moochers, typical of Italian journalism, who sit around marble tables in sloppy overcoats with grease on their collars, gnawing horse-meat sausage and chirping for their supper. They are, as a tribe, the most contemptible menials of the whole breed of Fascist parasites who live by the nod.—New York *World-Telegram*.

More About the Libyan Farms

◆ Further details about the Libyan farms are that there is an artesian well on each farm and the settlers on arriving find food in the house, tools in the sheds, two horses and eight to twelve cattle in the stables, chickens and pigs. At first the farmers receive a subsidy from the government. This is gradually reduced, then rent is paid for a time, and afterwards the farms become the property of the settlers.

Italian Munition Factories

◆ In his address to the Italian senate Mussolini drew attention to the fact that Italy has 30,000 airmen, 876 factories turning out war material, and 580,033 hands working uninterruptedly in them. This was said at a time when Italy was technically at peace with Spain and was one of the powers guaranteeing non-intervention, but was using all its powers to destroy another government.

Mussolini "Hit and Ran"

◆ Cornelius Vanderbilt told of a ride he took with Mussolini, with the Duce himself at the wheel. Tearing through the countryside the car knocked down a child. Vanderbilt turned to see what had happened, but the Duce only stepped on the gas the harder, remarking, "Never look back, my friend, always forward." Could any attitude toward his fellow man possibly be more cruel or selfish?

In Thirteen Days

◆ On March 23, in an address in Rome, King Victor Emmanuel declared that the relations of the Italian Government with the kingdom of Albania were happily most cordial. Albania passed out of existence thirteen days afterward, and probably its destruction had been fully decided upon many weeks before.

Mussolini to the Italian Senate



In his address to the Italian senate Mussolini declared that Italy can muster 9,000,000 troops, 4,000,000 of them front-line fighters; that Italy has the most powerful submarine fleet in the world; that Italy has several thousand planes which have proved their prowess in Spain; that when war comes the Italians must desert their great cities and flee to the country places, and that Italian warfare will be conducted through the skies in such a way as to sap the morale of opponents. It was the speech of a fiend.

Demons Ruining Mussolini

◆ According to information from Rome in the *English News Review*, January 13, 1939, the health of Mussolini during the last months has been shaken to an alarming point. According to the same information Il Duce suffers from periodical manifestations of a very strong neurotic exhaustion, being obsessed also by mystic musings. It was noted also that the orders given by him are contradicting each other.

It is said that the condition of Il Duce is preoccupying particularly the royal circles. The king, Victor Emmanuel, began in these last times to show particular interest in the acts of Mussolini; and the crown prince, Umberto, is giving close attention to all the affairs of the country, that he might be ready in a given time to take personal control of the country.—Kathemerine.

Bernstein Snubs Mussolini

◆ In 1923 Mussolini personally decorated Philip Henry Bernstein, a 62-year-old dramatic author of French birth and Jewish ancestry, with the insignia of the Order of Saint Maurice and Lazare. Mr. Bernstein recently returned the rosette and told the one-time blacksmith he did not consider it any honor to wear it since Mussolini aped Hitler in persecuting the tiny army of Jews within Italian borders.

Losses in Italian Wars

◆ Italy acknowledges that in her unprovoked war against Ethiopia she lost 2,313 native Italians, and that in her equally unprovoked war against the Spanish Republic 3,327 more were killed or died of disease. The number crippled was 11,227. All this was done so that Mussolini could continue to sell himself to the Italian people.

Instructions to Italian Journalists

◆ September 19: In describing events in Palestine refrain from using the terms "bands", "terrorists," "attempts at assassination," and use instead (in headlines and in the texts) the following terms: "insurgents," "insurrection," "bravery of insurgents," and "Arab combatants".

Show no optimism regarding the international situation.

September 24: Publish nothing of the visit of the Duce to the ballet at Belluno.

September 28: Stress that from all corners of the world appeals have been addressed to the Duce to settle the present situation.

October 3: Newspapers may accept for payment obituary notices of the Jews.

Give prominence to that part of Chamberlain's speech in which he acknowledges the role of the Duce.

October 10: Do not reproduce from *Messaggero* the report about the loss of weight [physical or moral?] by Chamberlain.

October 13: It is categorically prohibited to print anything of the exchange of foreign prisoners in Spain.—Secret Instructions of Italian Ministry of Culture.

The Secret Promise to Italy

◆ The secret treaty with Italy, made in London in 1915 (see Judge Rutherford's book *Enemies*, top of page 269) by Italy on the one hand and by France, Great Britain and Russia on the other, to give Italy possession of the South Tyrol of Austria, Trieste (Austria's busiest port), certain islands in the Adriatic sea, the Dodecanese islands, and possessions in Eritrea, Somaliland and Libya in Africa, was never intended to be kept, but constituted a bribe to Italy to forsake its German-Austrian alliance. It is these old promises, made but never kept, that have much to do with Italy's present claims and warlike attitude toward the nations that made the promises. Those familiar with the news in 1915 well remember that at that time Italy was for sale to the highest bidder.

Little Coffee for Italians

◆ All good Italian Fascists have been instructed to cut down their coffee drinking to the minimum, or leave it out altogether. The object is to put pressure on coffee-producing countries that are not disposed to barter it for Italian manufactured goods. The Ethiopian crop is still very inadequate for Italian needs.

Serves Imredy Right

◆ Bela Imredy, after the fashion of Hitler and Mussolini, championed measures calculated to put the Jews of Hungary under the same disabilities that they suffer in Germany and Italy. Then the historians got to work and discovered that Imredy's own great-grandfather, and also his own grandmother, on his mother's side, were Jews. So Imredy resigned as premier of Hungary. Now if some historian would discover that both Hitler and Mussolini had Jewish forebears, what a joke it would be! Anyway, it served Imredy right. The new premier of Hungary, Count Teleki, is a Roman Catholic, of course. And he might be part Jew, also.

All Italians in Uniform

◆ Italy is in process of putting its entire population in uniform. This already applies to the civil servants, whose summer and winter uniforms, designed by the state, must be worn when at work. The theory is that all are servants of the state and must dress like servants.

Lottery Advertising

◆ It is illegal for advertisements of lotteries to pass through the United States mails, yet the Italian government now sends mail into the U.S.A. the cancellation stamps of which bear the legend, in Italian, "Invest in the Italian lottery and become a millionaire."

Looking for Trouble

◆ Looking for trouble, and sure to get it, Italy is building the largest submarine fleet ever under one flag, and the most heavily armed, some of them having 14 tubes. The new submarines will be able to cross and recross the Atlantic without refueling.

Huge Reduction in Wages

◆ Italian workmen employed to build roads in Ethiopia (where they are in constant danger of being killed by Ethiopians) found, when the time came to renew their contracts, that instead of the 39 lire per day first paid their new wages will be only 15 lire.

Capital Levy in Italy

◆ Mussolini is having a hard time paying his bills and, in November last, levied a capital tax of 7½ percent on all partnerships and private companies with gross earnings of \$526.50 annually. Looks like small pickings, does it not?

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Commandment Number Ten

◆ Mussolini issued a new "ten commandments" to his soldiers, all in general accord with the last one of the number, which succinctly said, "Mussolini is always right." Just take a moment to compare that spirit with the one who modestly said:

"Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God."—Matthew 19:17.

Use of Electricity

◆ In the use of electricity Italy is one of the most up-to-the-minute countries in the world. One may go the whole length of Italy, 905 miles (the distance from New York to Chicago by the Pennsylvania lines) by electric train, and at speeds up to 72 miles an hour. By the use of hydroelectric power resources Italy saves 1,300,000 tons of coal annually.

How About This?

◆ A quondam friend writes that the emblem of Fascism is a bundle of rods enclosing an axe; that anybody who does not line up is first beaten with the rods and is then finished with the axe. He wants to know if that is right. Yes, that is right, that is, if anything as wrong as that can be right, and be left to tell it.

Mussolini Crying at Night

◆ Dr. Solomon Goldman, head of the Zionist movement in America, returned to New York reporting that after sixteen years of dictatorship Mussolini is now crying at night through jealousy of Hitler, and because of regret at the murder of thousands of defenseless Ethiopians, and Italian defeats in Spain.

Highway 330 Feet Wide

◆ The new highway from Rome to the sea will be 330 feet wide. In the center will be an automobile track 66 feet wide; on either side of it a 12-foot-wide strip for bicycles; outside the bicycle strips roads for slow-moving trolley buses; and outside of that wide pavements for pedestrians.

Modern Child Slaves

◆ Aping Germany and Italy, in Rumania the boys and girls are now liable to be called to national service in case of war, from the age of 7 years and up. At the age of 18 all Rumanian youths are conscripted for two years of military training.

Italian Parliament Suicides

◆ After an existence of ninety years the Italian parliament suicided, turning everything in the way of government over to the Chamber of Fasces and Corporations, which is merely another name for Mussolini.

Hobbling After Hitler

◆ Hobbling along after Hitler, textbooks by 114 Jewish authors were banned in Italian schools and a circular was issued by the Ministry of Education listing the books and the authors of whom Italy is now afraid.

Fighting for Liberty in Hubbard, Ohio (Continued from page 19)

came. Enthusiastically they adopted a resolution, prepared by the president of the Society, shown in cut on page 19. A mighty shout of "AYE" made known their affirmation.

The battle rages on, without letup or compromise. The pickets are intact, and another folder, which is shown in facsimile on pages 18 and 19, has been printed, and 120,000 copies are being distributed all over the zone. Forty-two lawsuits are pending.

And yesterday our petition to the governor of this state in impeachment proceedings against the mayor and the marshal of Hubbard was filed, and thus this fight will come before the highest authority of the state, where it is expected a great witness will be given.

In our latest pamphlet we requested the people to write to three persons in Hubbard letters of protest. Although this pamphlet is out only since last Sunday, we are informed that thousands have already been received in Hubbard.

Laconically, the wires of the United Press brought the following message to Youngstown, Ohio, this afternoon: "Pearl Loveless petitions Governor Bricker to remove R. C. Bowers, mayor of Hubbard, and Marshal Earl Greer, Hubbard, from office on the charges of mal-feasance, non-feasance and mis-feasance in office."

Thus begins a battle in the highest place in Ohio. During the interim we have not been idle, but have worked day and night, to get all points involved backed up by fact. We have several investigators at work. Am going to take an active part in the preparation and in the conduct of both trials, with one single intent, to give the biggest witness possible and to exalt throughout these trials the name of our great God JEHOVAH. Am going to watch that angle more than anything else, for this must come before kings and governors.

One fact is already outstanding beyond doubt. A tremendous witness has been given

throughout northeastern Ohio. The truth, and the valiant fight of the Lord's people in Hubbard, have become the talk of all, young and old. The Lord's name has been exalted far and wide, and that fact has imbued all the friends here to high pitch of enthusiasm and joy.

It is only nine months since 384 publishers covered this entire zone. But August, when we actually had the most of our trouble in Hubbard, revealed the publishers truly inspired by the Lord of hosts and they exerted themselves in an unbelievable manner.

The report, to prove that this fight has done much for the various local units around here, for the month of August was: 1,780 books, 19,481 booklets; the number of publishers shot all the way up to 938; these publishers put in 22,092 hours; the entire zone averaged 23.5 hours. What a glorious bout! Praise be to the Lord, who turns the darts of the enemy into mighty boomerangs, smiting the enemy with blasts of truth.

One could go on with details, wonderful details, wonderful incidents, experiences of one and a hundred, from all parts of the zone, but it all amounts to one inevitable conclusion: "The battle is God's." Thrilling conclusion!

The investigators report the receipt of 3,459 letters up to this afternoon by Hubbard officials. It's only the fourth day since the appeal folder distribution began, and 45,000 have been distributed up to now; the other 65,000 are just coming off the press.

All of this is creating quite a witness.

Our folder distribution has served one important end: it has prevented other towns, which had a mind to, from starting similar trouble.

Jehovah's witnesses will not let up; they will fight to the last ditch always, to enhance the glory of Jehovah's great name.—W. J. Schnell, Ohio.

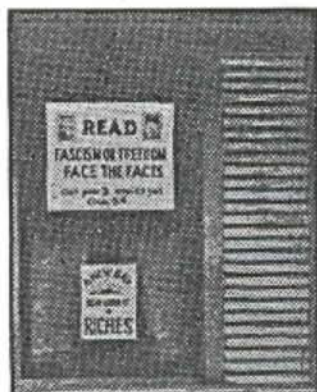


Pioneering in Old Kentucky

◆ J. W. Sherman, pioneering in old Kentucky, reports finding two Negro women, one 98 and the other reputed to be 125, both of whom love the truth, and both of whom remember when they were slaves. One was sold on the auction block. Of another interesting incident Sherman says:

Wade Nave, Poor Town, Kentucky, crawled back up the cliff unscratched while his Model T Ford lay in pieces 550 feet below, and the engine block 50 feet nearer the river.

As the car struck the second ledge Wade grabbed some stout bushes and hung on through the open door, as the car toppled on over to destruction, hitting ledge after ledge on the way down.



Home window display

Dog-Collar Religion in Iowa

◆ In the little town of Elkhart, Iowa, some time ago we were running the "Exposed" series of lectures by Judge Rutherford when a certain man with his collar in reverse (to show that he is what the Scriptures style him—Isaiah 56: 10, 11) came along and said peremptorily, "Turn that thing off." I said, "Who are you, to give me orders? I am taking no orders from you, but if you listen you may learn something." He reiterated, "I told you to turn that off," and was then invited to be on his way, as there were others who were interested. He went away, threatening.

Come Tuesday, we arrived on time, started the lectures, and after about ten minutes four saints of the "dog's" flock came up and demanded that the thing be turned off. Each was asked to give his name, which, with true Roman Catholic cowardice, was refused. They were then told that if they would listen quietly they would learn something, but one re-

plied that they were good Catholics, and listened to their priest on Sunday and did not intend to listen to Judge Rutherford on Tuesday. Then those nice brave men began to rotten-egg the car, the personnel of which consisted of two women and one 80-year-old man, an old sea captain, who had been all over the world, and had many interesting experiences but said he had never seen anything in his whole life like his experience with these dogs.

It was a hot evening, the windows were open, and in no time we were a mess. We telephoned the police for protection. This was at 7:20 and the police arrived at 11:30. The next day it took three of us four hours to clean the car, and for a long time after that, on a hot day it smelled like a chicken coop. The original dog was out of town that night, but the younger pups from the same litter did the dirty work as well as he could have done it himself.—Martha Holmes, Iowa.



Publishers (5 and 7) at Carteret, N. J.



North London pioneer group. Note signs on phonographs and attaché cases.

Pioneer Experiences

◆ A pioneer at New York Convention had embroidered on the back of his white linen coat the words: "Serve Jehovah God and Christ the King. Hear Judge Rutherford." Asked, "Why do you wear that garb? You are not on strike," the pioneer replied, "Oh, yes, I am. I am on strike against the Roman Catholic Hierarchy."

A pioneer from Oregon, 65 years of age, started for the convention the middle of April. Having no cash to pay for fare, she washed dishes for necessary food and bed, thumbing her way from point to point.

A Montreal pioneer was sent to jail for five days. On entering she was met by nuns who told her she must get down on her knees and confess. She refused, saying she confessed to Jehovah alone. She therefore received special punishment from the ones in charge of the Bug Warren where she was incarcerated. When she emerged she had been almost literally eaten alive by bugs.

A blind pioneer from North Carolina has been working among the businessmen for nine years. On occasion he has put in 140 hours a month. He has never gone hungry.

A pioneer and his seventeen-year-old daughter hitchhiked from Prince Edward Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence to New York and return, traveling, all together, 2,253 miles. Turned back at the international border at



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one point, they got through at another. They had a thrilling experience, but the Lord provided them with all their necessities.

A bystander, as he watched the information march of Jehovah's witnesses in Saskatoon, inquired, "Who are these people? The un-

employed?" His friend answered, "These are Jehovah's witnesses, the busiest people on earth, advertising the lecture 'Government and Peace', and not government and pieces, as we have it today."

(To be continued)

Japan, Korea and China

Shintoism in Japan and in Korea



Up until 1882 the Japanese government regarded all religion as useless, but then began to revive Shinto shrine worship, though declaring it not religious. In October, 1901, the Japanese Supreme Court rendered a decision that State Shinto is religious. Of late the government has outlined the prayers that are to be offered at such shrines. They are: For a year without storms or floods; that the crops may be good; that the country may be prosperous; that the evil spirits may be kept from the priests. With the spread of the determination of the Japanese military authorities to dominate the entire world, Shinto worship was extended to such countries as have already been conquered, with the result that in Korea, at the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Japanese police ordered every delegate not to oppose Shinto worship, prevented known anti-Shinto-worshippers from attending, ordered missionaries to sign state-

ments that they would not oppose Shinto-worship, and forcibly prevented them from speaking against it, by actually sitting on the platform, so that they could control every statement made. Here is an illustration of Simon-pure idolatry—the totalitarian State worshipping itself and demanding that everybody else comply with its decrees. Korean Christians are up against it, and no mistake; and the idolatry they are fighting will spread to earth's remotest bounds, finding expression in one land in one way, and in another land in yet another way. Take your stand on God's side now. In Armageddon it will be too late.

Bringing Civilization to China

◆ The peculiar methods used to bring civilization to China resulted in 25,000 women and children in Hong Kong living solely by vice. Of this number, 4,000 are girls between the ages of 12 and 16, and meantime, every week, scores of new girl children are bought from their wretched parents by white slave agents.

Central Europe

The 'Sudetenland' of Hungary

◆ Lord Rothermere, called "one of Germany's closest friends in Britain", has called attention to that Hungarian territory now part of Rumania that was formerly Hungary's for over a thousand years. He says, "I am sure today, that if the Hungarian 'Sudetenland' problem is not settled European statesmen in a year or two will be confronted with the same emergency that they had to deal with at Munich." He advocates handing this territory back to Hungary.

Enticing Birds to Hungary

◆ The wide and treeless plain of Hortobagy, Hungary, is a pasture for the best Hungarian cattle, but they suffer severely from the flies and mosquitoes which breed there. For some

reason the district has been deficient in bird life, and this is now being overcome by building artificial nests to induce them to come. The towers in which the nests are being built are ornamental and attractive.

Fascism Triumphant in Yugoslavia

◆ At the December elections in Yugoslavia the Fascist forces in control for the past three years were re-elected under conditions which give them another four years of control of the country.

Omit Sandusky

◆ Omit Sandusky, Ohio, from last item on page 11 of *Consolation* No. 520, issue of August 23.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

"Vipers" in the Orkneys

● Two sisters, enthused with the desire to spread the knowledge of the present establishment of the kingdom of God, and earnestly desiring to obey the commandment to preach the gospel of the Kingdom, went from the mainland of Scotland to the Orkney islands. Their zeal in visiting the people in their homes resulted in placing with them a very considerable number of books and booklets which enable readers to read the Scriptures with understanding without need of a preacher, who would only tell them what his church says is to be believed. The religionists in the islands are very vexed that the people should be able to get an understanding of the truth about the kingdom of God in this way, especially as their dogmas and the whole system of organized religion, under whatever name it is known, are shown to be contrary to the words and spirit of the teaching of Christ and the apostles. The religionists got busy with letters in the local newspaper, warning the islanders against the women and their books and the "dangerous" teaching. The Plymouth Brethren, who reckon to separate themselves from organized religion, had a try at putting up a barrage, and the 'reverend' representative of the church of Scotland shot some of his dogmatic ammunition and, having gathered some mud from his church's stores, endeavored to hinder the message of truth by besmirching the life of C. T. Russell, and the sincerity of Judge Rutherford in his service to the honor of God's holy name.

The Plymouth Brethren have ever been bitter opponents of the truth and of those whom God pleased to use in its service. They got light from the Scriptures to discern that the church organizations were entirely wrong; but they retained the defiling doctrines of the churches. They are very orthodox, being believers in the "Trinity" doctrine, and the unscriptural doctrine of "the immortality of the soul", and they have hugged to themselves the blasphemous dogma of "eternal torment". Through their publishing houses they have issued venomous attacks and continue to do so.

"Reverend" Alex. Burnett of the Old Manse, the local representative of the church of Scotland (Presbyterian), writes to the local paper saying it is his duty to warn the public against the literature placed by the witnesses of Jehovah, and hopes that some evidence of what he styles its "pernicious character" which he relates will keep his people from reading what they have got and others from taking any. His evidence is the same vicious perversions which have had to serve these men for so long a time, except that he professes to add a personal experience, to give weight. His own bit is a reference to the South African trouble raised by natives in an endeavor to get back their freedom from "white" bondage. Part of the agitation which troubled the authorities was of a religious cast in which the name "Watch Tower" was used. That movement was entirely unrelated to the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society's work in South Africa; but the likeness in the name served the clergy missionaries in their endeavor to brand the Society as an evil influence, and its literature as seditious. "Reverend" Burnett says he can add his testimony, claiming to speak from personal knowledge. He cannot have knowledge of any association of the representatives of Jehovah's witnesses, who carry the writings, the warnings and exposition of the Bible by Judge Rutherford, and the native movement, for there was no connection. "Reverend" Burnett's church, the church of Scotland, managed to get one of their foremost missionaries on the Royal Commission sent out to inquire into the labor troubles in the copper mines in North Rhodesia, and a great endeavor was made by this biased mind to link Judge Rutherford's writings with the labor agitation. It could not be done. Later this same missionary agitation resulted in a case being tried in the High Court of South Africa, taken there by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, and that court declared after examination that there was not the slightest ground for the charge of sedition, but that the publications were expositions of the Scriptures and conformed thereto. If the "reverend" gentleman is as conversant with these things as he professes to be, he knows that he hides or perverts the facts.

But this preacher of the gospel according to the church of Scotland's dogma got aid in his reviling. The Home Board of the church of Scotland, stung by the truth which goes to the homes of the people in all Scotland as else-

where, has published a folder for the use of such as "reverend" Burnett, and hopes thereby to counteract the work of Jehovah's witnesses. The folder is a scurrilous thing. They have joined the Roman Catholics and the Plymouth Brethren in their methods of vilification. Headed in bold red letters "Riches from Religion" the folder has about 26 paragraphs intended to expose the fraudulent men and methods (as they say) of the "new religion" now represented by Judge Rutherford. It ends with its computation that Judge Rutherford's writing "must have brought in one year the comfortable income of £180,000". In nearly all of the paragraphs there is a direct lie; all of them are perversions, and the whole is a scandalous thing for a church with so much pride of righteousness as the church of Scotland to allow its home board to publish.

But Presbyterian parsons have long been bitter opponents of the witness to the establishment of the Kingdom, and of its messengers, now universally known as Jehovah's witnesses. It was the Presbyterians of Canada, emigrants and the children of emigrants from Scotland, who were instigators of the opposition to Pastor Russell, and were so afraid of the truth that they got their government to forbid his entrance into Canada to preach the gospel. It was they that tried to get the officials in East Africa to ban the publications which carried the truth and to expel its messengers. Modern Presbyterianism gives its ministers a good deal of latitude, apparently asking little more than general conformation to the authority of its General Assemblies, and always with the maintenance of the church system. Its ministers are unbelievers in the Scriptures as the word of God; and, in fact, they have been in the van of rejectors of their inspiration.

Opposition to the truth which exposes the religious systems of "Christendom" is to be expected; for it threatens their inheritance. It is not a cause for astonishment that they act as they do: they are not honest to their own ordination vows, and can hardly be expected to be honest towards the truth. Let it be said once again that, so far from being money-makers out of their service for God, Pastor Russell died a poor man in the most literal sense, and Judge Rutherford does not gain a penny piece for himself out of the millions of books which are placed by Jehovah's witnesses with the people. This work of preaching the gospel of the Kingdom is the

continuation of that which was begun by the Lord and His apostles, and is that of which He spoke in His prophecy of "the end of the world", and the religionists are acting towards this preaching of the gospel of the Kingdom as the Jews acted then. The words of Jesus as recorded at Matthew 12:34 is still a living word.

Like a Hammer

● 'Is not my word like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? saith Jehovah.'—Jeremiah 23:29, A.R.V.

The religionists of Jeremiah's day had so hardened themselves against any opposition to the place in the nation which they had made for themselves, and were so self-righteous, that when God, whom they professed to adore, sent Jeremiah to warn them of the impending destruction, He told His servant that these people were as a rock, but that His word by Jeremiah would be a hammer by which the rock would be broken. Jehovah broke in pieces that religious rock, by His word, and by sending Nebuchadnezzar to waste Jerusalem. The religionists lost the glory and power they had made and taken for themselves, and their lives also, in that destruction. For a long time thereafter the worship of God was free from the hypocrisy, formalities and pretenses which had caused Jehovah to sweep His land clean. But the people again allowed this priestly, clergy class to fasten themselves in authority and power, and in the days of Jesus this sin against God came to its worst, and He was killed by them, because He spoke the truth.

But the word of God by Jeremiah remains a word for this day, when that which was seen in Israel in Jeremiah's day, and in Jewry in the days of Jesus, is now manifested in all "Christendom" and in all the sections of religionists. Religionists hide their head behind the shadow of their own infidelity: they refuse to believe that God has spoken in this day by His prophets. The Roman Catholic church professes to accept the Scriptures and to be their custodian; but it will not allow any message to come from the Word of God, and as a church it pays no attention to the prophets, except to use a word taken here or there which is made to support their institution. Most of the other sections of religion are frank in their rejection of the words of the prophets as being the word of God. But all of them are set in their place and purpose to maintain what they have; and again the word is true, 'Is not

my word like a hammer that breaketh in pieces? saith the Lord.'

Religionists set themselves against anything that is unorthodox, whether as to doctrine or what is not of their many and varied sections. One and all are agreed against the witness which God is giving and for some years has given against religion and to the fact of the establishment of His kingdom in this the day of His judgment. The books and booklets which Jehovah has caused to be written are carried abroad through the earth by His witnesses. They convey the message of the prophets, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom of God, as well as the warning of the impending destruction both of religion and of everything else that is opposed to God and His kingdom. They are as God's hammer to break the rock. Judge Rutherford, whom God has used to His purpose in this, is as hated by some as was Jeremiah, and for the same reason.

The War

● For some time the dark war clouds hung very low. Whether the lightning and the thunder of bombs and guns would break from them, or there would be some wind of peace to carry them away for a time, depended upon the perverseness of Hitler's mind, or on how he was impelled by the evil spirits which move it. It cannot be said that though the dreaded thing was apparently so near as to be almost impossible it should pass that the people were in anywise panicky. The Government got its Emergency Powers Bill through Parliament, and, now that war has come, it takes the control of the national resources, and acts, as it must, like the dictator rulers. What has emerged in a clearer manner than ever before is that duplicity and lying go hand in hand with what are called "power politics". It does seem that the world is hastening fast to the condition of the days before the Flood, of which it is said "the earth was filled with violence".—Genesis 6:11.

The Vatican has been very busy in European politics, but the pope must have had a rather bad shock when the news of the pact between Hitler and Stalin was published. (This is not a pact between the German and Russian peoples—they are but pawns in the political game.) The pope has apparently wrought hard to keep Communist Russia behind its own borders, hoping that Catholic Poland would prove a strong barrier against the Catholic's bogey, Communism; but his chief

partner in that purpose has made a bargain with the enemy. Franco, too, must have pulled a wry face when his former aide in delivering Catholic Spain from the terrible "reds" went over to the enemy. One may comment that neither the pope nor Hitler is burdened with any particular care about Communism, as such: both have ulterior purposes in mind; both seek mainly after power, and take the means to advance their interests as circumstances give the opportunity.

The Bank of England moved much of its business into the country, and the Bankers' Clearing House, and other institutions are doing the same. Public buildings are protected against air raids, with heavy sandbag covering for the walls in case of near-by explosions, and in every way, as far as seems possible, there is preparation for the dreaded breaking out of the terrible thing which will mean the destruction of life and property and, it may confidently be predicted, of all that men hold dear. One thing is certain, namely, that there will be no settlement in the world till the time of trouble has done its full work and Jesus' great prophecy as recorded in Matthew 24 has been fulfilled.

Kendal, Westmorland

● A recent issue of *Consolation* carried a paragraph which said that the chief constable of Kendal had instructed the managers of the local cinemas to keep the doors of the cinemas closed at the end of the shows so as to ensure that the audience should not disperse while the few bars of the national anthem were played. The report was sent direct to the editor in Brooklyn by a local correspondent. It was incorrect, as inquiry reveals; was based on rumor and imagination. The police gave no such instruction, and the chief constable was in no way involved. We regret any inconvenience that may have been caused to the chief constable.

Commonwealth Stands by Britain

● A single dispatch from London tells that Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Palestine, India, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Jamaica, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Guiana, Falklands, Sierra Leone, Malta, Tonga and Basutoland unqualifiedly took their stand with Britain in the war against Hitler. The only exceptions were Southern Ireland and an ineffective resistance in Quebec.

Checking Up on a Jesuit

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It's all right being a Jesuit, and telling any kind of whopper, until some courageous and inquisitive person checks up, and then there is trouble. The *Catholic Telegraph Register* had a nice column story entitled "Jesuit's Work Removes Black Hole of Death". In pathetic and eloquent phrase it told how "a kind-hearted Jesuit priest" couldn't stand it to see the awful slums in which San Antonio's Spanish-American people live, how he had taken the matter up with city authorities and then with Washington, and as a result of his efforts \$10,000,000 would be expended in a slum-clearing and better-housing project. Also, the story, which bore a San Antonio date line, contained this convincing statement:

The situation was desperate. Father Tranchese set up the Catholic Relief organization, opened food depots throughout the district, fought starvation with bread and other food.

It all sounded so good for the Jesuits that the matter was referred to a San Antonio attorney for the facts. He interviewed "Father" Tranchese himself, and asked him the direct question, "Who was responsible for getting that housing authority down here; was it the Junior Chamber of Commerce?" and "Father"

Tranchese replied, "It was Maury Maverick and the Junior Chamber of Commerce." This statement was and is the truth, and this is well known to everybody in San Antonio.

And now about the rescue from famine. The attorney investigated this and discovered that—

the only depot established by Tranchese in the district was at his church house, and then he dished out only bread, stale bread, and thin soup and poor coffee, and this was only to his parishioners and did not approach to the smallest or slightest degree in reaching the mass of the pecan workers; that this was the only depot that he had anything to do with.

Query: Who is it that is so anxious to put the work of this Jesuit priest in San Antonio in such a brilliant light before the readers of the *Telegraph Register*? And would you not think that even the shameless *Telegraph Register* would know better than to publish such a lot of lying drivel without investigation? One paragraph in the story reads as follows:

Father Tranchese is a hard man to frighten. At last his detractors threatened him with death and then with worse. One man wrote: "I could start a story that there is a priest who writes love letters to young girls and gives jewels to women of his congregation."

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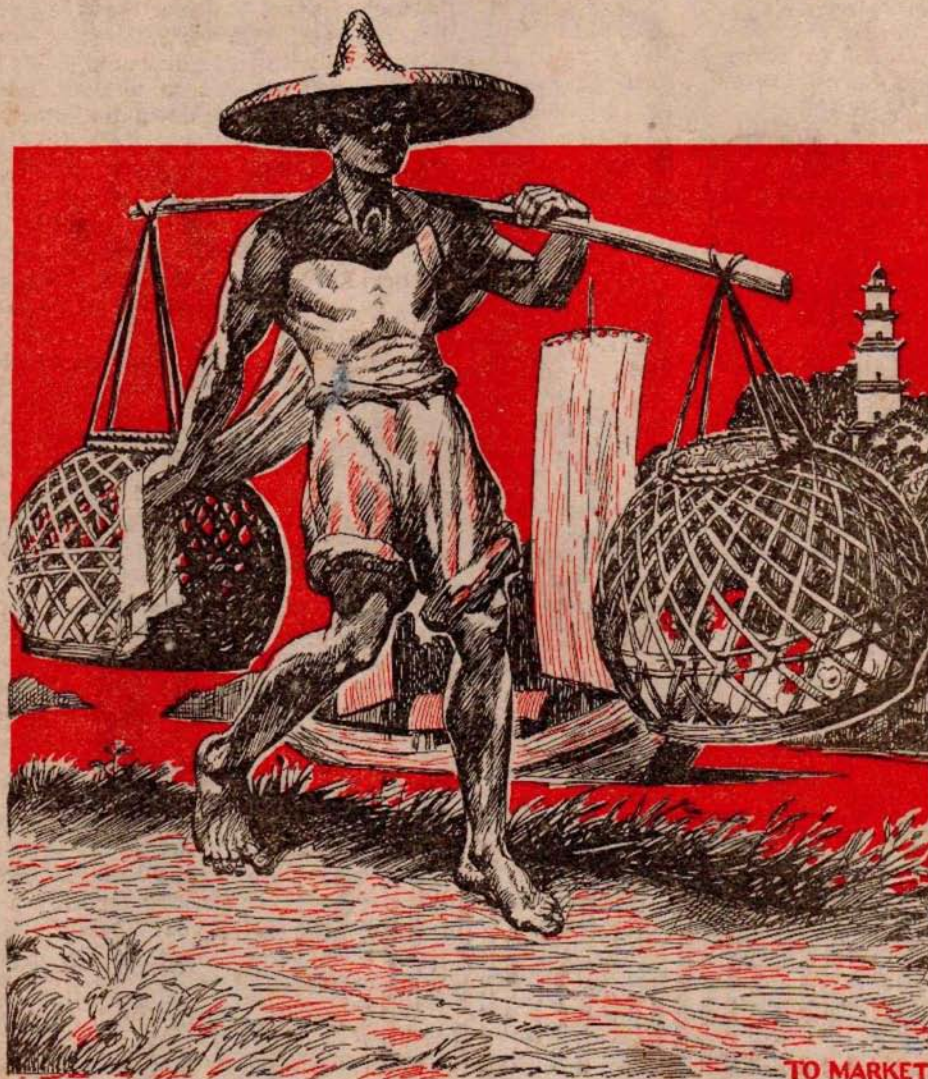
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The Men and the Hats



Those things called "hats" the ladies wear are enough to make men swear. It's not the cost—let's get it straight—that makes the male heart palpitate and strangers stop and stare and gawk at every female on the walk. It's not the color that they wear in those contraptions on their hair; nor how they tie them on with bows, anchored safely while it blows, that causes men to rant and weep when'er they venture down the street.

Nor does the ordinary man observe the millinery plan enough to know what is in style when hats parade along the aisle. To him the wearing of a wimple is only to adorn a dimple; and whether black or green or pink, or trimmed with tools from the kitchen sink, a woman's hat is a work of art, to which there is no counterpart.

And what she pins upon her hat, or whether this or whether that, few men would dare to be so bold as to criticize or scold. Let 'em wear upon their crowns things that make 'em look like clowns. Who is man, to tell a maid that her hat looks like a spade? Why should he object to feathers, vegetables, fruits or leathers? It isn't what she wears, or why, but it's those shapes that make us cry!

But when we stop to contemplate how very strange and out of date a dame would be unless her pate was topped with such a hod or crate, we must admit they know what's cute—that's why we chorus, "She's a beaut!"—*Spokesman Review*.

Help!

A gallant young husband was trying to teach his new and nervous wife to drive a car.

They were on a narrow country road and the wife had been driving for only a short time when she exclaimed:

"Take the wheel quickly, darling—here comes a tree!"—*Labor*.

Eau Seau?

There was a young lady named Fleau,
 She had a good-looking beau.
 Said Fleau to her beau, Let us geau to a sheau.

Said her beau, If you'll bleau, Fleau, I'll geau.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A.R.V.

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A Critical Review of "Mein Kampf"



ATTENTION is here drawn to an edition of *Mein Kampf* copyrighted 1939 by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., bearing the warning,

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It is no doubt due to the presence on the sponsor's committee of a monsignor and several reverends that the real world significance of Nazism as set out in *Mein Kampf* is so sadly neglected in the annotations supplied by the editorial sponsors, and while the editorial sponsors no doubt labored to produce a reliable set of complementary notes in the efforts to unmask or refute Hitler, the real power behind him and the Nazis remains unchallenged and untouched.

The whole intent and self-confessed motive behind this translation is one of attack against a devilish system now endangering the entire civilization of this globe. This motive is inspired by a desire to arm the opponents of

Nazism by placing in their hands categorical information calculated to defeat the Nazi idea in this country. If they have failed to do this, then the book remains an effort not only of doubtful value, but one that can place in the hands of unscrupulous men the tools wherewith to destroy democracy.

Failure to Expose

That they have failed to touch or expose the one force that enables Hitler to destroy democracy in other lands in favor of the totalitarian idea is the pathetic truth that promises well for Hitler and his cause. It must be concluded that fear and a childish haste to accept newspaper reports of questionable value thus cheats a waiting nation of its righteous cause. That this exposé would shock the religious susceptibilities of some is no excuse, and the committee has refused to investigate plain and easily proved clues to the reason for the power of the Nazis in countries other than Germany.

The facts brought to light in the events surrounding the destruction of Czechoslovakia, and the grabbing of Austria, plainly indicate that within the boundaries of every country Hitler has a nucleus of Nazi-minded men who labor unceasingly in his interest. That nucleus is a political-religious organization of world-wide dimensions and is known as the Roman Catholic Church and its dupes.

Had these editorial sponsors been true to their professed ideal of sounding the alarm against a foreign foe, whose avowed aim is the destruction of democracy, they would have uncovered the fact of Roman Catholic dominance in Germany; the destruction of a republican government in Spain, at the pope's behest, and with the aid of his strong-arm squad under Mussolini and Hitler; the part Catholic priests played in the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia; the blessing of the pope on

Mussolini's Ethiopian rapacity; the betrayal of Austria by the pope and Hierarchy by the person of Cardinal Innitzer; the Fascistic ranting and Jew-baiting of Charles Coughlin; the Fascistic régime of Cardinal Villeneuve in Quebec; and the whole train of underground conspiracy now easily discernible in every nation on earth.

Had they been true to their task, they would have warned the nation that every Catholic church is a hotbed of the totalitarian idea, that, by lies, prejudice and fear, these churches have brought their people to a unit in support of such an idea; that this foreign power either controls Hitler or he controls it; and that it is the duty of every true American to set his face against Catholic dominance in America.

Trivialities Magnified



Inconsistently, the editorial committee carefully traces Hitler's early beginnings and endeavors to discover the kind of fare that made his warped mentality what it is, and ignores the most important clue of all; to wit, Hitler's youth as a Roman Catholic, his study of politics in Roman Catholic Austria, and the very Roman Catholic nature of his aims, ideals and actions to which he abundantly testifies in his book.

That he is a Roman Catholic of unimpeachable tutelage is proved by the perfect accord between his ideas and the political dogmas of the Vatican. For instance, the Vatican, as the author of the "divine right of kings", is really opposed to democracy, if only for the reason that the Catholic church cannot become the state church in nations that have democracy. Hitler is fanatical on the 'divinity of rulers' and hates democracy with equal fervor.

The works of Hitler speak louder than the smoke-screen used to conceal his position as the head of the new Catholic Inquisition in Germany. As examples, the destruction of the Protestant church as a unit in Germany and his signing of a Concordat with Pacelli (and no one ever heard of that church's signing such a document unless she gained a distinct advantage from it) are glaring truths, together with the fact that before Hitler's rise to power the Protestants and Catholics were fomenting a little religious war of their own, and that Hitler took the side of Catholicism as against Protestantism, are truths of deep and unarguable implications.

Afraid to Speak Up

That these sponsors could have uncovered such things as would guard against Papalizing America seems to be proved by the appraisal of *Mein Kampf* by Dorothy Thompson, inserted as a foreword in the book. She goes so far as to say that Hitler is "completely mediaeval", but neglects to add that the mediaeval is strictly Catholic, and that Catholicism is still strictly mediaeval. She further confuses herself and readers by referring to Hitler as a renegade Catholic because he rejects that church's professed doctrine of Universality. Dorothy deplores Hitler's ignoring of history, but here she is guilty herself, since even a cursory glance through Wells' *Outline of History* could convince her that this professed doctrine of Universality has always been conditioned on political expediency and power politics. Such a doctrine, though professed, has never been adhered to by the popes and Hierarchy, and was used only to deceive in moments when it could be most useful. Peace has never been the desire of the "Church", but unrest and wars are the bulwarks of her power. A degraded human race can be ruled; a peaceful *thinking* one never accepts dominance from the priesthood.

The Nucleus of Nazism

The following quotations from the body of the text, and also from the annotations, will indicate by complementary facts that the Hierarchy is indeed the nucleus of Nazism and Fascism, and that the esteemed editorial sponsors have turned traitor to their professed duty and have betrayed their country and their fellow men. In examining these notes it should be remembered that *Mein Kampf* was written before Hitler's rise to power, and illustrates the mental conclusions he had reached as to his future course.

(1) The boy Hitler, a serious Catholic, acknowledges his debt to the church in regard to Jews.

It was only when I was fourteen or fifteen that I came upon the word Jew more frequently, partly in connection with political discussions. I felt a slight dislike and could not ward off a disagreeable sensation which seized me whenever confessional differences took place in my presence. [Page 40]

(2) It was the Roman Catholic von Papen that paved the way for Hitler's rise to power.

But with Hindenburg's re-election in 1931 the prestige of the Nazi party began to fade, only to be revived again when Chancellor Bruening was

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dismissed and the government entrusted to Franz von Papen against the will of the Reichstag. Papen thereupon systematically undermined the Republic, so that it was virtually defenseless when in 1933 Hitler was entrusted with the government. Had it not been for this sudden change in the German leadership, Hitler might eventually have been compelled to seek a status as a normal political leader and try his hand at the parliamentary game. [Page 131, footnote]

(3) That Jew-baiting is a Catholic dogma history can accurately demonstrate, and that she concurs in Hitler's Jewish persecution is proved by her Concordat with him, in comparison with the Protestant church's refusal to concur in such medievalism.

Thus Protestantism will always interest itself in the promotion of all things German as such, wherever it is a matter of inner purity or increasing national sentiment, the defense of German life, the German language and German liberty, as all this is also rooted firmly in Protestantism; but it will immediately and sharply fight every attempt at saving the nation from the grip of its most deadly enemy, as its attitude towards Judaism is fixed more or less by dogma. [Page 145]

Not Mere Lunacy, but Demonization



That Hitler is demonized can be demonstrated, although Dorothy Thompson confines her comments to charges of just plain lunacy. She calls him "queer". Yes! He is 'doing God's will', is god, too, and writes his scriptures with the same banality and hallucination characteristic of another god-person, Mary Baker Eddy, in her "Key to the Scriptures".

In this respect let us consider the meaning of the word "Fuehrer" set out in a footnote on page 117.

The Fuehrer is a man who gives expression to the divinity that is enshrined in his people, a

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"Traumlaller" (one who speaks oracularly in his dreams) is George Schott's phrase. Gottfried Feder, author of the party program, once described the Fuehrer as follows:

He must have a somnambulist's feeling of certainty in the pursuit of his goal: he must not shrink from bloodshed or even war.

Addressing Nazi confreres, he has frequently stressed his ability to wait until what is in the folk soul dictates the course he is to pursue. He said:

I believe I am today acting in the service of the Almighty Creator. By warding off the Jews, I am fighting for the Lord's work.

This demonization of a man and a whole nation is not contradictory to Papal policy, as history can show a continued labor of diabolical conspiracies, murders, inquisitions and betrayals down through the centuries on the part of the Papacy. That Hitler believes he is a Messiah is characteristic of the Catholic doctrine of the "divine right of kings". It might be recalled that the Jesuits so corrupted Louis XIV in this respect that he considered as his due



A crown-jewel-collector from the Kremlin meets a new prospect

the title "Son of the Universe".

Hitler Wedded to His Church

That Hitler early in his career arrived at the point where he deemed it wise and expedient to wed his cause to Roman Catholic ambitions is testified to in the following (pages 147-149):

There is one question which the pan-German movement in Austria ought to have asked itself. Is the preservation of the German nation in Austria possible under a Catholic faith? If it is possible, then the political party had no right to occupy itself with religious or even denominational affairs; if not, however, then a religious reformation had to set in, and not a political party. He who believes he may arrive at a religious reformation by the round-about way of political organization only shows that he really has not the slightest

idea of the way in which religious conceptions or even dogmas originate and their effect on the church. Here one really cannot serve two masters. In this, I consider the foundation or destruction of a religion essentially more important than the formation or destruction of a state, let alone a party.

(4) The footnote to this material is misleading and seems to draw attention away from the fact that Hitler's excuse for demolishing Protestantism was because it failed to acquiesce, as the Papacy did, in Jew-baiting, but proves that Ludendorff had a good slant on the matter.

These words seem to define Hitler's point of view at the time this book was written, and doubtless reflect the situation in which he found himself in Bavaria of 1923. The statements here made aroused General Ludendorff, already then a violent opponent of Rome and the Jesuits, and were dealt with in a magazine article in which the General accused Hitler of having "sold out" to Rome. The Fuehrer was at the time uncertain of what the future might bring, and is known to have interviewed leaders of the Bavarian People's Party (Catholic) concerning the terms under which he might be admitted to that organization. Heiden puts the matter somewhat differently, suggesting that Hitler had merely been trying to get permission to reorganize the party. In addition, one of the best friends the Nazis had in the Bavarian regular army was General Franz von Epp, a Catholic who would have frowned on anything smacking of religious warfare.

Change in Attitude



Perhaps—it is not possible as yet to substantiate the statement in full—the change in Hitler's personal attitude is attributable primarily to the conversion of Cardinal Faulhaber, archbishop of Munich, from Monarchist Reformism to Democracy and Pacifism. The Cardinal proclaimed this new attitude in a sensational open letter which implied criticism of the Nazis. In addition Hitler had come more under the influence of Alfred Rosenberg, whose ideas on racialism and religion have since been standard party fare. At any rate the Catholic Church took up in earnest the fight against the Nazi creed after the triumphal elections of 1930. A number of pastoral letters denounced the errors contained in the party's program and in the books of important leaders; and late in 1930 the Ordinary of the diocese of Mayence refused to grant Catholic burial to a Nazi. After Hitler came to power all this was changed. The Bishops revised their attitude: a Concordat was signed with the Holy See. Even more recently some Catholic leaders have professed to believe that a *Modus Vivendi* with Hitler might be reached.

We possess authentic records of Chancellor Hit-

ler's private views of the religious situation. One of these may be cited in part: Hitler said concerning Catholic opposition, especially in Bavaria, that its fomentors were wasting their time; they might as well stop pipe-dreaming; he would not follow the example of Bismarck; he was a Catholic. Providence had arranged that. Bismarck had failed because he had been a Protestant, and Protestants have no conception of what the Catholic church is. The important thing was to sense what people felt in religious matters and what endeared the church to them. If the clerical caste would not disappear voluntarily he would direct propaganda against the church until people would be unable to hide their disgust when the church was mentioned. Why, it was only necessary to make church history popular. He would have films made. Looking at them the German people would see how the clergy had exploited them, lived off them; how they had sucked the money out of the country; how they had worked hand in glove with the Jews; how they had practiced immoral vice; how they had spread lies. These films would be so interesting that everybody would itch to see them. He would make the clergy ridiculous. He would expose all the tangled mass of corruption, selfishness and deceit of which they had been guilty. He would make the bourgeoisie tear their hair. He would have the youth and the people on his side. He would guarantee that if he set his mind to it he could destroy the church in a few years. The whole institution was just a hollow shell. One good kick and it would tumble together in a heap. [Pages 145-148]

Praise of the Hierarchy

(5) As a further strain on the gullible, Hitler goes on in praise of the Hierarchy one page farther on.

But also in another direction it would be unjust to make religion as such or even the Church responsible for the mistakes of various individuals. One should compare the visible greatness of the organization which one has before oneself with the average faultiness of men in general, and one will have to admit that the proportion between good and bad is here perhaps better than anywhere else. Even among the priests there are certainly such to whom their sacred office is only the instrument for the gratification of their political ambition, and who, in the political fight, forget in a more than deplorable manner that they should be the guardians of a higher truth and not the promoters of lies and calumnies, but such an unworthy individual is outweighed on the other hand, by a thousand more honest pastors, most faithfully devoted to their mission, who stand out like little islands in a communal swamp in our mendacious and demoralized time. [Page 149]

(6) Hitler realized the futility of trying to fight Rome while building up a political machine, but sees use for it in that structure.

Says he of an Austrian party which mixed Jew-baiting and anti-clericalism:

The practical result of the Austrian Kulturkampf was equal to nil. However one succeeded in tearing away from the church almost one hundred thousand members, but she did not suffer any particular loss because of this. She really did not have to shed any tears for the lost lambs, for the Church lost only what for a long time had not fully belonged to her internally. This was the difference between the new reformation and the old one: that once many of the best of the church turned away from it because of their inner religious conviction, while now only those went who were not only lukewarm, but for a consideration of a political nature. But even from the political point of view, the result was just as ridiculous and yet again saddening. Once more a political movement promising success and salvation to the German nation had perished because it had not been led with the necessary ruthless sobriety, and lost itself in directions that were bound to lead to disunion. [Page 151]

After the Money of the Jews



(7) The Jesuits no doubt joined Hitler in his Jew-baiting and were delighted to find a means of eliminating Jews rather than baptizing them as was done in the glorious days of the Inquisition. (Quote from footnote)

Traditional anti-Semitism had in Germany always been based on confessional differences. Any other motivation was forbidden by the church; and in all pogroms of the Middle Ages Jews were able to escape the rigor of persecution by accepting baptism. Surprisingly few availed themselves of that opportunity; and on the Christian side Saint Bernard had pointed out that the worst possible way to attempt conversions was to inflict torture and death on the recalcitrant. Therefore, racial anti-Semitism as an integral part of a program of a political action remains Hitler's Copernican discovery; for now there is no escape for the victim—no escape even for his Jewish grandmother, by reason of whom he is a pariah under the Nazi laws. [Page 155]

(8) Hitler's recognition of the Roman Hierarchy as an aid and abettor of his political aims is confessed where he recognizes that a weakening of the authority of the church by an attack on her dogmas is a weakening of her usefulness as an ally, and rejects it. Jehovah's witnesses and all true Protestants will understand the implications of this passage.

Remarkable also is the more violent fight begun against the dogmatic fundamentals of the various churches, without which, however, the practical existence of a religious faith is unthinkable in this world of man. The great masses of a people do not

consist of philosophers, and it is just for them that faith is frequently the sole basis of a moral view of life. The various substitutes have not proved so useful in their success that one would be able to see in them a useful exchange for the former religious creeds. But if religious doctrine and faith are really meant to seize the great masses, then the absolute authority of the contents of this faith is the basis of all effectiveness. What, then, the customary style of living is for general life, without which certainly hundreds of thousands of well-bred people would live sensibly and wisely, but millions of others certainly would not, the organic laws are for the State and dogma is for religion. Only by this is the wavering and infinitely interpretable, purely spiritual idea definitely limited and brought into a shape without which it could never become faith. In the other case, the idea would never grow beyond a metaphysical conception; in short, beyond a philosophical opinion. The attack upon the dogma in itself resembles, therefore, very strongly also the fight against the general legal fundamentals of the State, and just as the latter would find its end in a complete anarchy of the state, thus the other is a worthless religious nihilism. [Pages 365-366]

The Timid Sponsors

(9) The above is certainly not anti-Catholic. Even the editorial sponsors could see it, but frittered the whole away in the following footnote:

This is the reverse of "Religion is the opium of the people." Rausehning (cf. his *Revolution des Nihilismus*) has pointed out Hitler's deep respect for the Catholic Church, and in particular for the Society of Jesus. In this he resembles Auguste Comte, who once proposed a liaison between Positivism and Rome. Both sundered their admiration from any kind of belief. Hitler praises the ability (as he sees it) of the church to keep on resolutely proclaiming an article of faith, however powerful the arguments arrayed against it may be. If the nation can build dogmas about its new "myth" and propagate them as stubbornly, it may (so it is thought) give Germany a new faith, which the masses will cherish as tenaciously as they have until lately cherished Christianity. [Page 365]

(10) Although the trail is now getting hot, the editorial sponsors keep cool, nor give way to emotion as they insert this footnote on page 371, quoted in part:

It was the annexation of Austria that first tipped the scales in Hitler's favor. Almost immediately there appeared in various parts of the diplomatic world a 'memorandum' purporting to be a plan for a 'Catholic group' of states in Central Europe, running from Italy through Croatia and Hungary to Slovakia and Poland.

It is a pity we are not told who circulated

the memorandum, but further on it says that the swastika became a popular symbol among the peasants of Slovakia and Hungary.

Who Financed Hitler?



(11) After seeing Hitler a staunch supporter of the Papacy, and dead set against what he calls religious nihilism, and footnoting that Hitler and the Papacy are in a Concordat, the next step was to make a guess as to what source Hitler's financial aid came from. But, of course, that would better remain a mystery. Certainly the organization that has for centuries swindled the human race out of their gold and silver would not have a cent to give to a demonized eunuch who would seat her in power and destroy her enemies.

Therewith the question as to how the Nazi party was financed had been raised, but no satisfactory answer has ever been given. During its early years, funds were obtained from Munich friends, from the Reichwehr and probably from White Russians, who had access to foreign money. Whence came the stream of gold that poured through White Russian fingers is indeed one of the unsolved mysteries of post-war history. [Footnote]

(12) It was time for the editorial sponsors to be watchful, because the facts were slowly emerging, but instead they inserted at this place a footnote, a statement in regard to confessional schools. But first we will quote from Hitler himself:

Here the Catholic church can be looked upon as a model example. In the celibacy of its priests roots the compulsion to draw the future generation of the clergy, instead of from its own ranks, again and again from the broad masses of the people. But this particular significance of celibacy is not recognized by most people. It is the origin of the incredibly vigorous power that inhabits this age-old institution. This gigantic host of clerical dignitaries, by uninterruptedly supplementing itself from the lowest layers of the nations, preserves not only its distinctive bond with the peoples' world of sentiment, but it also assures itself of a sum of energy and active force which in such a form will forever be present only in the broad masses of the people. From this results the astounding youthfulness of this giant organism and its steel-like power. [Pages 643-644]

Of course, that mysterious bond between the Catholic church and the masses could not be a result of knowing everybody's business through the confessional! Or because the Catholic church shaped the mind and temper of the victim!

Admiration of the Religious Racket

(13) Once more Hitler cannot control his admiration for "purgatories", candles, masses, etc., nor can he escape the conclusion that the church has a glorious future before it, and gives off as follows:

Here, too, one can learn from the Catholic Church. Although its structure of doctrines collides in many instances quite unnecessarily with exact science and research, yet it is unwilling to sacrifice even one little syllable of its dogmas. It has rightly recognized that its resistibility does not lie in a more or less great adjustment to the scientific results of the moment, which in reality are always changing, but rather in a strict adherence to the dogmas once laid down which alone give the entire structure the character of creed. Today, therefore, the Catholic Church stands firmer than ever. One can prophesy that in the same measure in which the appearances flee, the church itself, as the voting pole in the flight of appearances, will give more and more blind adherence. [Page 682]

(14) Hitler's articles of faith or political program cannot be gone into, but one point catches the eye, in article 19:

Roman law must be abrogated and replaced by German law. [Page 690]

Here was a wonderful opportunity for facts and analysis. The editorial sponsors flopped again. The facts will show that what really has taken place is, the abrogation of German law and its replacement by Papal laws. These might be indicated as below:

(a) The resurrection of the old Papal laws in restraint of the Jew—reinstitution of the ghetto, peculiar dress and systematic robbery.

(b) Destruction of freedom of speech, press and assembly as in the days of Torquemada and the Duke of Alva, in harmony with Papal encyclicals on such freedom.

(c) Doctrine of divine right of rulers, including Hitler, of course, invented by the Hierarchy so she could have an excuse, as representing divinity, to do the crowning.

(d) Throttling of Protestantism even as in the days of Charles V and Luther.

(e) Courts modeled on old Inquisitional forms, where the prisoners' defense counsel is only a formalism, and where the accused testifies against himself and is judged without appeal.

(f) Merciless torture of "heretics" and "Jews"; among the former, Niemoeller and Jehovah's witnesses

(g) Gestapo, modern refinement on spies of Inquisition, who listened for the damning words from the unsuspecting.

(h) Death of every democratic principle inimical to the Catholic church's eventual despotism.

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The Results of Catholic Tutelage



(15) Hitler now reveals the depths to which his Catholic tutelage has led him. He discovers that night is the best time for the dirty work of converting and inciting men to deeds of violence, injustice and crime.

It seems that in the morning, and even during the day, men's will power revolts with highest energy against an attempt at being forced under another's will and another's opinion. In the evening, however, they succumb more easily to the dominating force of a stronger will. For truly every such meeting presents a wrestling match between two opposed forces. The superior oratorical talent of a domineering apostolic nature will now succeed more easily in winning for the new will people who themselves have in turn experienced a weakening of their force of resistance in the most natural way, than people who still have full command of the energies of their minds and their will power. The same purpose serves also the artificially created and yet mysterious dusk of the Catholic churches, the burning candles, incense, censers, etc. [Pages 710-711]

You see he should have been a priest.

(16) A footnote on page 143 shows how Hitler has corrupted Lutheran Protestantism.

Lutheran teaching on the subject of baptism, which is regarded as the greatest sacrament, is that through baptism equality of status before God and in the church is conferred on man. Differences of race and environment may and do subsist, but they are not of essential importance. Moreover, the sacred ministry is open to all who have been baptized and are called. Therewith Lutheranism denies the priority of race. When Hitler came to power he immediately tried to place the governance of the Lutheran church in the hands of men who were willing to alter the traditional teaching. A large group of German Christians who subscribed to Hitler's views were recruited and their representative, Pastor Ludwig Mueller, was named archbishop at the command of the government. The majority of German theologians refused, however, to accept so drastic a tampering with their creed. Gradually they formed the Confessional Synod, and this has until now, despite all pressure and suffering, clung resolutely to the orthodox point of view. The best-known spokesman for this point of view is Pastor Martin Niemöller, who was imprisoned by command of Hitler and is still held in virtually solitary confinement, but there are hundreds of clergymen who have learned, too, the meaning of opposition. More than twelve hundred of their number have gone to prison; some are dead. The crisis through which Lutheranism is passing is unquestionably the gravest in history.

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His Excuse for Wrecking Protestantism



That he thus found a good excuse to wreck Protestantism and favor Catholicism can be demonstrated. His surrender to the Catholic Church was symbolized, one may say, by his efforts to appease and control the Bavarian People's Party (Roman Catholic). Proof of this adherence to Catholicism before his rise to power, at which later time he debauched Lutheranism, is found in the following footnote, but, of course, the editorial sponsors were really snoring when they wrote it, and so they failed to draw any conclusions.

The ultramontane* question was raised by Ludendorff. After Hitler's release from prison, he saw that without the tacit consent of the Bavarian People's Party any resumption of his activities in Bavaria was out of the question. Therefore, he publicly disavowed any interest in religious warfare, though other Nazis might keep up a fairly steady fire on the church from behind their desks in the *Voelkischer Beobachter* offices. Besides, Mussolini had reached a kind of armistice with the Catholic church (though real peace did not come until 1929) the dramatic value of which made itself felt even north of the Alps. Ludendorff, whose second wife had instilled into him a loathing for the Jesuits in particular, received this profession of religious neutrality, even of benevolence to religion, if one prefers, with unconcealed antipathy. North German writers, Count Reventlow in particular, also took exception to Hitler's stand. No sooner had the party come to power, however, than essays to which Ludendorff might have subscribed with gusto appeared on all kiosks. The preface to a brochure concerning the Jesuit, by Herbert Herrmanns, said in part:

This essay makes no pretense at being objective, since that would mean merely adding another to the enormously swollen tide of books and writings of that kind. It is offered, rather, as a clear-cut attack. Potsdam in the May moon of the first year of the National Socialist Revolution. Page 823.

You perceive, then, how easy it is for the editorial sponsors to get off the subject and wind up with an insinuation that Hitler was anti-Catholic, and that the criticism of Jesuits by Ludendorff was inspired by a woman, and—one cannot escape the thought—a questionable one. And now Hitler reveals that Protestants dare not be Protestants, that is, protest against anything:

* From Webster: Ultramontane. 1. Beyond the mountains, esp. the Alps. 2. Specif., one who lives south of the Alps; a supporter (orig. one of the Italian party in the Roman Catholic Church) of papal supremacy, rather than national churches.

For example, in all these three countries a struggle against clericalism or Ultramontanism can be preached without running the risk that through this attempt the French, Spanish or Italian nation as such will fall apart. But this may not be done in Germany, since here Protestantism, too, of course, would join in such an initiative. Consequently, however, the defense, which elsewhere would be solely by Catholics against political encroachments of their own prelates, would here immediately take on the nature of an attack by Protestantism against Catholicism. [Page 828]

Protecting the Singing Harlot

You see that would not do: the Catholic Church cannot take it, and so she must be protected. It is no doubt passages such as these that endeared Hitler to the Vatican. And then, after taking sides against Protestants, and perceiving the refusal of Lutheranism to join him in Jewish blood-letting, because of conscience, he has the gall to lie about it and say,

The most believing Protestant could stand in the ranks of our movement, next to the most believing Catholic, without ever having to come into slightest conflict of conscience with his religious convictions. [Page 829]

That is how Rome uses her natural enemies to overcome one another—divide and rule. By now it should be plain to the reader that, had one of those Jesuits so beloved of Hitler set out to debauch the German race, he would have chosen the identical methods resorted to by the madman of Berchtesgaden.

It may be said that, in a greater sense, the catholicism and orthodoxy of Adolf Hitler displays itself most abundantly in his hatred of democracy, and *Mein Kampf* is the most colossal tirade against democratic institutions that has ever been written. In this he is now ably supported (since he can no longer rave against Marxism in Germany) by the Roman Catholic clergy, in every country on earth, by their pot-shooting and ambushing of every free, liberal and democratic institution.

It is hardly necessary to point out that since the New Deal has been sworn to be the political expression of the late pope's encyclicals, the resulting circumscribing of freedom, and demoralization of the masses, is a natural consequence. It might be remarked in passing that the United States and Great Britain have never been subjected to so great a barrage of meddling, criticizing, and greed for power on the part of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy as afflicts them now; and since these matters dare not be openly presented to the public, either

by press or radio, the prospect that the church of Rome and Hitler will realize their ambition to rule the world is very good indeed.

The Champion of the Hierarchy



To return to the sponsors: It is regrettable that they failed to see in Hitler's destruction of labor unions, in his destruction of freedom of conscience, press and speech, in his medieval brutality and mysticism, in his merciless persecution of innocent men and women and children, in his bloody intolerance of any faith not Roman, in his trances and tremors, the pure, unadulterated and devoted champion of the Hierarchy, using the "Church", and being used by her, to regain for her the lost power and prestige of the Dark Ages.

It is too much, of course, to expect these sponsors of great reputation to see or understand the signs of the times; since in an earlier day an Augustus Caesar did not understand his time, nor the great and noble Pontius Pilate. And for that reason the following footnote can scarcely be held against them, although their attempt to pose Hitler as a persecutor of Catholics, and their willful and cruel ignoring of the terrible plight of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany, will some day be counted against them by Him who sees all. Quoting from page 247:

The nationalization of the great masses can never take place by way of half measures, by a weak emphasis upon a so-called objective viewpoint, but by a ruthless and fanatically one-sided orientation as to the goal to be aimed at. That means, therefore, one cannot make a people "national" in the meaning of our present "bourgeoisie", that is, with so-and-so restrictions, but only nationalistic with the entire vehemence which is harbored in the extreme.

Demonization of the Masses

The footnote to this statement follows, and further illustrates the helplessness of the worldly-wise in the face of the greatest calamity of all time about to befall humankind, just as Christ Jesus foretold.

This hysteria was an important discovery. It was created by a kind of hypnotic influence, seemingly exerted by the Party assemblies on the people undoubtedly not wholly normal as a result of privations through which they had passed. Extraordinary phenomena of a similar kind were numerous during the post-war years, e.g., the curious

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"healer" of Hamburg, Haeuser, who was followed by immense crowds; the Bibelforscher (Bible Students) who raised tides of adventistic emotion in Silesia and elsewhere; Rudolph Steiner, the anthropologist, who built houses resembling trees, etc. Those who heard Hitler during those years are unanimous in saying that he engendered a kind of emotional trance with methods quite his own. Party guards moved continuously around the place of assembly, and usually some interloper was found who could be dramatically shaken and bounced. Then there was a pause. Had anything gone wrong? Then Hitler appeared, looking as if he had run the final two hundred yards in record time, to unleash a torrent of words, working himself into a frenzy of half-somnambulistic energy that lasted for hours, and reveling in climaxes that were more like motifs in Wagnerian drama than like any kind of discourse. Perhaps he would suddenly break into a sort of weeping, pause, and shout "Deutschland, Deutschland, Deutschland". However the foreigner might react, even quite normal Germans were swept off their feet. Hitler's very extremes had effected an emotional release. Then his oratory wrung every listener dry, provided, that

is, that he could bring himself to be en rapport with what was said.

This self-evident demonization of entire masses of people could not possibly be noticed by the sponsors, nor by the learned editorial committee.

To conclude (and space and time forbid the analysis the book demands), *Mein Kampf* is a handbook for all the Totalitarian-minded, in whatever country or state they be. Having once read it, it is not hard to divine the significance of much of the hogwash published in daily papers, books and magazines; nor can one thereafter fail to mark the men who by their utterances and public speeches testify that they have learned the diabolical lessons it has to teach, and are endeavoring to put in practice those same lessons, hoping thereby to gain an end entirely selfish and despicable: an end that will prove unutterably tragic for the human race. And to this end the sponsors have contributed their share.—Jos. E. Bolden, Pennsylvania.

Railroads

A Ticket Calls for a Seat



Philip Davis, New York lawyer, sued the New York Central Railroad Company because, after it had sold him a ticket to Albany, for the sum of \$2.80, he had to stand for the three-hour ride between the two cities. He won his fight and received \$232.89 in cash, the same being a return of the cost of his ticket and legal costs and interest on the same to the day of settlement. A ticket calls for a seat, and if a railroad company sells the ticket, and a coach is overcrowded, it is its business to see that the passenger is accommodated in a Pullman if there is any space available in such cars.

Aluminum Cars in Subways

◆ Aluminum cars introduced in the subways of New York weigh only half as much as steel, cause less wear and tear on rails, reduce the noise, and are popular.

Buses Killing Railroads

◆ Complaint comes from Costa Rica that buses are killing the railroads. The same situation is developing all over the world.

Highwaymen in Wisconsin

◆ Two highwaymen in Wisconsin, one 3 years of age and the other 4, stood between the rails of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway at Crandon, Wisconsin, and brought a train to a screeching standstill ten feet away. They had a toy gun with them with which they figuratively shot the fireman who came to put them off the track. And in the end the only reward of their holdup was that they got spanked by their mother. As a matter of fact, however, it was the father and mother that deserved the punishment. It was they that placed the weapons in the babies' hands.

134 Miles an Hour

◆ A new streamlined train between Berlin and Hamburg made the record time of 134 miles an hour. The locomotive is Diesel-driven. A record of 125 miles an hour has been made in Britain, on the London and Northeastern Railway, between London and Edinburgh.

Fast Time in Belgium

◆ A new train makes the 57.7 mile run between Brussels and Bruges, Belgium, in 46 minutes, or at the rate of 75.3 miles per hour, start-to-stop.

Palestine

Britain's Pipe Line



A tremendous pipe line carrying oil from Kirkuk in Iraq to the coastal cities of Haifa and Tripoli is of considerable importance to the British and their navy. Like the well-known British life line, it runs through Arab territory. Hence Britain's desire to keep peace with the Arabs, even at the seeming expense of the Jews in Palestine. Both the Arabs and the Jews have rights of long standing in that ancient country, but the Arabs have the important "nine points" of possession. Judge Rutherford, in his study of the prophecies, has stated that never again will the Jews gain possession of Palestine. And it is beginning to look like it in actual fact. Jew religionists continue to reject Messiah. They can hardly look for Jehovah's favor as long as they continue in that course.

Rats Used to Burn Crops

◆ For some time Jewish farmers in Palestine suffered from strange fires in their standing grain, until finally a policeman caught an Arab, lurking near a field, carrying in a bag five oil-soaked rats. He had been following the practice of lighting the poor creatures and then setting them adrift to burn the crops of those he regarded as his enemies. This affords an interesting contrast to the following account found in the Holy Scriptures:

And Samson went and [took in snares] three hundred foxes, and took firebrands and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails. And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives.—Judges 15:4,5.

Brandeis on Zionism

◆ Former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis is quoted as thinking and saying that since the Jews have nowhere else to go, and Palestine can absorb 100,000 of them annually, they will find a way to reach that destination, regardless of attempted obliteration of their rights for the private advantage of others. He did not come right out and say that Britain is afraid of the Moslems and also afraid of the devilry done in Moslem lands by German and Italian propaganda, but manifestly he could not be in sympathy with the

disgraceful ending of the Balfour declaration in turning control of Palestine over into the hands of the Arabs, as now proposed in the British Government's white paper on the subject. In its unprincipled yielding to the Mussolini-inspired troublemakers of Palestine, the British Government shows the same perfidious selfishness as it did when it put Czechoslovakia in the hands of Hitler. To all intents and purposes the present rulers of Britain are Fascists, because they play directly into the hands of the opponents of democracy. The Jews invested \$500,000,000 in a barren land, and made it bloom, because they trusted British statesmen. Now their investment is worth nothing, and in the worst hour of their history Britain slams the door in their faces. At Munich Britain sacrificed democracy and Protestantism in central Europe and now sacrifices honor and the Jews in Asia.

Homeless Jews Fling Away Passports

◆ Jews who have been and are being expelled from European countries, and put on the high seas to Palestine, are resorting to the trick of throwing away their passports when refused admittance to Palestine, and then the authorities do not know what to do with them. They might as well, and they cannot be blamed.

Jews in Palestine

◆ At the end of the year 1938 there were 437,000 Jews in Palestine, and they then constituted about 31.3 percent of the total settled population of the country. The culture of citrus fruits has continued to expand, and the export of oranges and grapefruit has reached record dimensions.

The War in Palestine

◆ The undeclared war in Palestine was so serious that in a single month 678 were killed and wounded: 404 Arabs, 262 Jews, and the others British soldiers and constables. During the same month seven Arabs were executed after conviction in the military courts.

Jewish Use of Swastika

◆ Discovery was recently made for the use of the swastika in the floor design of a Jewish synagogue near Hama, northern Syria, showing that the Nazi symbol was in use 1,500 years ago. Hitler hates the Jews, but mimics them.

Let America Mind Its Own Business

A COUNTRY capable of producing an annual income of five thousand dollars per family, but permitting one-third of them to go underfed and another third to rot in idleness, has no warrant from on high to pose as arbiter of the world.

A country in which man is pitted against man, group against group, class against class, and all operating on the principle of every fellow for himself and may the Devil take the hindmost, should be the last one to hanker for the job of universal peace angel.

A country possessing one billion acres of fertile land, yet tolerating a condition in which one-half its farmers—that is, the hand that feeds the nation—are already landless, and the other half on the way, and all of them bled white by as lousy a gang of gamblers, speculators, hijackers and cut-throats as ever walked in shoe leather, should modestly refrain from telling other people how to run their affairs.

A country sporting the highest crime rate in the world, registering more homicide in any old county than the whole of England, is in no position to tell others to be good.

A country which allows millions of acres of its best farm and grazing land to blow into the Atlantic and wash into the Gulf has not enough patriotism in its make-up to tell others how to love their fatherland.

A country that lets millions of its children cry for fruit and bread and milk and meat while taxing milk bottles, bread baskets, fruit jars and the rest of the pantry, to pay honest husbandmen for plowing under food, burying pigs and murdering heifer calves, has neither brain nor heart enough to still the bitter crying of the children of other lands.

And lastly, a country that only twenty short years ago permitted a parcel of greedy hogs, shallow-pated politicians, flag-waving nitwits, golden-calf parsons, and "boughten" scribes to bamboozle it into the World War, three thousand miles from home, at the cost of one hundred billion dollars, fifty thousand dead, and three hundred thousand permanent-

ly maimed boys, with no other result than preparing the witch broth that is about to boil over, over there, would, with better grace, weep over its own folly than hanker after the job of savior of the world.

I am not afraid to suffer for my convictions. I proved it when I faced the blood-drunken minions of Dictator Woodrow Wilson in the midst of the World War. I faced his white-livered, yellow-streaked home guard when I ran for Congress in the third district of Wisconsin on a 100-percent anti-war platform and with 80 years of Fort Leavenworth hanging over my bloody but unbowed head. And

that, too, was DURING the World War, not after, nor before it.—Oscar Ameringer, in *The American Guardian*.



John gets all the facts at last, thanks be to a whole boatload of kind and true friends

Hard-hearted Uncle Sam

◆ Hard-hearted Uncle Sam loaned \$3,000,000,000 to 1,000,000 home owners but quite some time ago had foreclosed on 80,000 homes—the old skin-flint, or Shylock, as British call him.

Two-Thirds of World's Gold

◆ Uncle Sam now has possession of two-thirds of the world's gold. The amount now stored is in the immediate neighborhood of \$15,000,000,000.

Pennsylvania

Justice in Pennsylvania



A large number of citizens feel that it is easier to have a case "fixed" than to go to trial regularly, and their expressed attitude "does not reflect a proper respect for our system of criminal justice".

In one case, at least, a witness before the commission was so disgusted with the way the case was handled and the obvious manner in which it was "bounced out", that he stated that if ever again he witnessed a crime being committed he would turn his head away rather than take a chance of being subpoenaed to attend court time after time and then seeing the whole matter obviously "fixed".

The commission has found that reconsiderations and modifications of sentences have been made by the courts after the term has expired; that such matters have been handled privately in chambers instead of in open court; that defendants after entering pleas of nolo contendere have been found not guilty by the court; that provisions of the probation act are ignored in that probations have been granted to defendants convicted of crimes for which the act provides that there shall be no probation.

Paroles have been granted in many cases without a formal petition being filed; without required notice being given to the district attorney's office; without including in the petition any statement of the prisoner's criminal record; without a hearing in open court or two judges being present; and in some cases without any of the requirements being met, as in one case where the parole was granted by mail and the judge instructed someone else that he could sign his name to the order; that paroles are refused by the court when formal petitions are presented by attorneys, but are granted shortly thereafter upon the request of a politician or favored lawyer.

The commission has also found that in numerous cases courts have required defendants acquitted by a regular trial jury to furnish excessive bail to 'keep the peace' and upon failure to furnish said bail the defendants have been committed to jail. This has been done without any formal charge being filed or legal hearing held.

In several cases in which the penalty for the offense was only a fine, the court deferred sen-

tence from time to time, with the practical result that the defendants served time in jail, but in another case the deferred sentence was used to keep a defendant out of jail, as he was allowed freedom on bail, while his sentence was indefinitely postponed.

In some cases the court does not have the complete criminal record of the defendant before passing sentence, with the result that frequent offenders receive light sentences, many criminals are acquitted or discharged due, frequently, to lack of preparation by the district attorney, the improper presentation of evidence, or the failure to have the proper witnesses on hand; that in some cases important witnesses essential to a complete case were not subpoenaed; that no permanent record is kept of all subpoenas that are issued; that in a number of cases where a defendant who is out on bail fails to appear and the bail is forfeited such bail is not sued out, no judgment taken, and no collection made.

Investigation has disclosed the practice of postponing trials time after time until the case comes up before a particular judge who is known to be generally lenient or even friendly to the defendant; that in many cases fines were imposed and were never paid and no effort has been made to collect them.

Criminal court records in Philadelphia county are often kept in a careless manner; in many cases reconsiderations, probations, and other orders of the court are written out by a clerk of the court and not signed by the court; in some cases reputable defendants have testified before the commission that they paid their fines and forgot all about the matter, whereas the court record indicates that these fines were remitted, with no indication that the fine was ever paid; that in many cases fines have been remitted at the request of a politician.

Investigation has disclosed that there is considerable jury tampering in many parts of the state; that the present method of selecting juries in many counties is a direct invitation to embracery; that there were many cases of substituting of jurors in Philadelphia county; that jurors were, in numerous cases, influenced by the conduct of the court itself; that in one case a judge threatened a juror with contempt if 'he did not go along with the rest of the jury', and that the court instructed

the clerk to see to it that certain jurors were drawn as foremen on certain juries.

Abuses of authority by magistrates have been shown to exist in that defendants are released from jail by sentencing magistrates before they have served their terms in prison, although a magistrate has no authority to parole or modify a sentence; that there was considerable abuse in the matter of release on 'copies of the charge'.

The commission has further found that in the majority of cases the business of professional bondsmen borders on a racket; that they employ numerous straw men to put up bonds; that they overcharge in many cases; that they have connections in police stations and with certain clerks of courts and attorneys, which lend themselves to the easy fixing of cases.

The commission has found that some "third degree" methods and the confinement of prisoners in "cold storage" are still used by police, and that gun permits are granted to persons with criminal records and bad reputations.—Report of joint legislative commission to investigate the administration of criminal justice in Pennsylvania, in *Altoona Mirror*. (Although this commission held 135 hearings and took the testimony of 1,152 witnesses, only five of the nine members of the commission had the manhood to sign the report. Four were afraid to do so.)

The Murder Business in Philadelphia

◆ Philadelphia has a way of keeping in the limelight. First there was the old Bible-burning tub that scared Gimbel Brothers into a fit. This eminent Jewish concern did not want to run the risk of losing a couple of dollars, so it bowed to the power of the Hierarchy and closed WIP as an outlet for the message of the Kingdom. The next time Philadelphia stirred uneasily in her sleep was when the Holmesburg prison authorities tried baking 24 guests, but only four of them were really ready to serve at mealtime. And now, there being not much other business in the city, the staid old burg by the Delaware looms up as the center of the retail murder business. More than 100 people are now known to have been put out of this life by arsenic, antimony, drowning, automobile "accidents", or other means known to the trade. There were branch managers, to cover particular areas, there was a physician to help furnish prospects, and there were agents to do the bumping off at a

minimum of \$300 plus a 10-percent cut of all insurance above \$1,000 for a case. One of the features of the business was that, once the gang had managed to make a woman an arsenic widow, they kept her busy thereafter, whether she wanted to or not. Whenever they wanted to finish off a man they used all their skill to get her to marry him; the rest was easy.

Pennsylvania Farmers Wondering

◆ Pennsylvania farmers are wondering how and why they have to sell their milk at 6 to 10 cents a gallon and the consumer has to pay 44 to 48 cents a gallon for it. They need not wonder. It is merely legalized high-handed robbery, and the robbers have themselves so well protected by legislation and by contracts that if a farmer dares sell a pint of milk from one of his own cows to a neighbor he is in danger of going to jail. For two generations the farmers have known they were being robbed by the milk pirates but have not known how to help themselves throw off the yoke.

Good Joke on a Hunter

◆ Near Erie, Pa., a careful hunter cloaked his automobile radiator in a brown blanket. The only luck he had was at the close of the day. Approaching the neighborhood of his car on the edge of dusk he blazed away with both barrels as he saw the flapping of the blanket he had placed over his radiator. He thought he had punctured a deer, but found afterwards he had only riddled his blanket and the automobile radiator.

Medical Care to Persons on Relief

◆ Pennsylvania extends medical care to persons on relief, the state paying the bill and the doctors and everybody else satisfied. Doctors get \$1 for office calls, \$2 for home calls, and \$25 for confinement cases, and have no reason to complain, for their money is sure. Dentists get \$2 for the first tooth extraction and \$1 for each additional tooth extracted at the same time.

The World's Largest Bearing

◆ The world's largest bearing, weighing 317,000 pounds, has been completed at East Pittsburgh, Pa. This bearing will carry the million-pound load of the big telescope atop Mount Palomar, California, with which astronomers hope to peer 1,000,000,000 light years into space. (See details on page 26.)

U.S.A. Judiciary

Manton's Mill for Selling Justice

◆ On October 27, bench robber Manton, blackmail trafficker, and the outstanding disgrace of the judiciary, than which history finds no greater among the annals of the English race, "faced the bench where he once sat as the nation's tenth ranking judge, and heard himself called a 'liar and a swindler'." (*Daily Mirror*, October 28) Cahill, who earned fame in his hard-hitting prosecution of Manton, lashed him again as the hearing for appeal went before a panel of three judges appointed by Chief Justice Hughes. When reversal of Manton's conviction was asked by his lawyer, Cahill's reply was biting:

"This was a mill for the sale of justice. This man Fallon [the 'bag' man for the 'commercial judge'] and Judge Manton were open to take money from anybody who desired something they were selling. . . . Manton lied about his financial condition. . . . In the sale of judicial decisions these two always worked together." Cahill described Manton as a "liar and a swindler". "Cahill did not look at him while denouncing him before the tribunal."

No such denunciation has come, however, from the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, with whom as a highly honored figure of the church he held such standing as to be "created" Knight of St. Gregory the Great by the pope. His crimes have not in any way disqualified him in these church honors; for, if they had, would not the Catholic press have lauded the work of Cahill, Hoover and their own son Murphy in bringing this vile rascal to justice? This same Catholic press finds great dangers to the nation in Communism, and from little children who conscientiously refuse to salute any flag, and from Judge Rutherford, whom Manton "patriotically" kept in prison, but it evidently finds nothing wrong in peddling justice. Is not this sufficient evidence for any honest person that their howl about patriotism is only a smoke-screen behind which to betray the country to Rome? Here in the court also is abundant evidence when viewed in the light of Catholic press silence that the law profession bent on clearing the bench of such treachery is far more honorable than the clergy.

Anyone interested in the details of the conspiracy between the Hierarchy and Manton which resulted in sending seven Christians

to jail would do well to avail themselves of *Consolation* issues Nos. 519, 520, and 521.

Manton's Sentence

◆ If the sentence of two years in prison and \$10,000 fine imposed upon former United States Circuit Court Justice Martin T. Manton is, as dispatches say, the maximum permitted by law, it would seem that the Federal statutes need some amendment. A judge who takes bribes pollutes justice itself.

If Manton is guilty, as the judgment of the court finds, the sentence is obviously wholly inadequate; such a man ought never to breathe free air again; no extenuation, palliation or mitigation can be considered. It is not possible to say that Manton did not know what he was doing, or did not realize the consequences of his offense.

That this is the first case of the kind in 150 years of American history is a matter for general congratulation. That such a situation was almost inconceivable probably accounts for there being no adequate penalty provided by law. But when a postoffice robber or a counterfeiter can get up to 25 years in prison, a mere two years for a bribe-taking judge is obviously out of proportion. Congress should act swiftly to correct this discrepancy.—*Los Angeles Times*.

What Parks Are For

◆ "Wherever the title of streets and parks may rest, they have, immemorially, been held in trust for the use of the public and, time out of mind, have been used for purposes of assembly, communicating thoughts between citizens, and discussing public questions.

"Such use of the streets and public places has, from ancient times, been a part of the privileges, immunities, rights and liberties of citizens.

"The privilege of a citizen of the United States to use the streets and parks for communication of views on national questions may be regulated in the interest of all; it is not absolute, but relative, and must be exercised in subordination to the general comfort and convenience and in consonance with peace and good order; but it must not, in the guise of regulation, be abridged or denied."—United States Supreme Court Ruling. (*Labor*, Washington, D.C.)



Hope for the Jew

THE Israelites, or Jews, as a nation violated the law covenant which God made with them. They were cast away from the Lord's favor and, as a nation, destroyed. The Israelites were the typical people, and formed a typical nation, which God used for His purposes to make pictures or types of greater things to follow. As a nation they have ceased to exist, and there is no reason to expect that nation to ever be restored; and this conclusion is supported by at least two reasons, to wit: (1) As the typical people or nation of God they performed the types or pictures and their work came to an end and all the types ended; (2) under the rule of the Messiah there will be no national divisions, but all people will be of one nation under Christ, the Messiah, the King of Righteousness, and the King of Peace. Only those persons who take their stand on the side of and fully support and obey the Theocratic Government of God by Christ Jesus will survive. There will be no distinction between the natural descendants of Israel and the descendants of others. All who live must be gathered into one fold or nation under Christ Jesus the King.

The Theocratic Government is Jehovah's government, the government of the Almighty God, by Christ Jesus His King. It is written concerning Christ the Messiah: "The government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."—Isaiah 9:6, 7.

That will be the government of righteousness, and only those who do right shall be permitted to live under it. Armageddon, which will be the battle of the great day of God Almighty, will result in the destruction of all nations, which constitute Satan's organization.

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All persons who survive that great destruction must serve and worship the only true God, Jehovah, and the Lord Jesus Christ the King. The Theocratic rulers will be forever invisible to human eyes, but that government will have visible representatives amongst men on earth to carry out God's commandments; and the orders enforced will be righteous. (Isaiah 32:1) Such is the kingdom which Jehovah God promised to Abraham that He would set up on earth in due time and concerning which all the holy prophets of God prophesied. It is the kingdom for which Jesus commanded His followers to pray: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."—Matt. 6:10.

There is no national distinction amongst those who will compose the members of the Theocratic government; and in support of this it is written: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:28, 29) There is likewise no national distinction between those who live under that righteous government.

Now the Lord is gathering to himself his "other sheep". (John 10:16) These people are likened unto sheep because they are obedient to the Lord. Such flock or people will constitute the great multitude of persons that shall survive the battle of Armageddon and, being obedient to the Lord, they will live forever and populate the earth with a perfect and righteous race. These "other sheep" are now coming to the Lord from every nation, people and tongue on earth. (Revelation 7:9) There is no national distinction and no nation is favored above another. It is an individual matter with each one who comes. All who come to God and Christ under the terms named by the Lord shall be impartially favored with the blessings of life.

It therefore follows and the Scriptures conclusively prove that the nation of Israel or Jews will never be restored as a nation, but that all individuals, whether Jews or non-Jews, may now have the opportunity of taking their stand on the side of the Theocratic government and receive its blessings. The purpose of Jehovah God must be accomplished; as it is written: "I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it."—Isaiah 46:11.

Note, therefore, it is written: "God . . .

hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth." (Acts 17:26) Since God made the earth for man and made all men of one blood, to dwell upon the earth, it follows that His purpose carried into operation will wipe out all national lines and all persons will come under one rule. Every person who survives Armageddon must be an obedient subject of the Theocratic government under Christ Jesus the King.

It follows, therefore, that hope for the Jews, as well as others, is faith and obedience to the great Theocracy. They must turn to Jehovah God and learn of Him and obey Him; and doing so, they will find there everlasting peace and life for ever on the earth. That means that they and all others must forsake all religion and worship Almighty God in spirit and in truth. It means that each one who receives the blessings of Almighty God must individually agree to do the will of God, take his stand firmly on the side of God and His King, and obey the laws of the Theocratic government. These must be gathered unto the Lord before Armageddon.

All persons who love and serve God are hated by the Devil, and certainly none such are desired by those who have the Devil's spirit. God's prophetic Word written long ago applies to all persons, regardless of birth or nationality, who seek the Lord and serve Him; and concerning such the Lord says: "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired: before the decree bring

forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."—Zeph. 2:1-3.

Regardless of his nationality, the man who tries to do right has the desire for life; and to all such these words should be a comfort, to wit: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."—John 17:3.

The Jew and the Gentile, the bond, the oppressed, all, must now abandon religion, and turn to God and His King and kingdom. "Salvation belongeth unto Jehovah." (Psalm 3:8, A.R.V.) 'He is the fountain of life.' (Psalm 36:9) He gives life to those who obey Him. (Romans 6:23) Let all sincere Jews bear in mind the words of Jehovah's prophet, written for the benefit of those who love righteousness, to wit: "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation [The Theocratic Government] which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength."—Isaiah 26:1-4.

Public Utilities

Electricity in the Home



In *Public Ownership of Public Utilities*, Mrs. R. E. McDonnell, who is in position to be unusually well informed on her subject, explains that in urban homes in the United States only 35 percent of the women are sweeping, 27 percent washing and 10 percent cooking electrically, while in the suburban homes only 28 percent have light, 7 percent pump water into the home, 9 percent sweep, and mix dough, 20 percent iron, 4 percent cook, 3 percent separate milk and cream, 2 percent sew and 1 percent churn and wash electrically. She thinks it would pay the average American family to spend a little less than \$420 a year on automobiles, \$68 on gasoline, \$100 on tobacco, \$50 on ice cream, \$48

on candy and \$28 on radio and spend a little more than the present \$23.08 on electrical appliances.

Caution of Union Electric Company

◆ The Union Electric Company of Missouri is a cautious company. When the people of St. Charles, Missouri, became much interested in public ownership of the public utilities in that city the electric company was so careful that it paid the salary of Leslie B. Harrison while he was on the staff of the St. Charles *Cosmos-Monitor*, and it gave the paper \$1.40 per inch for Union Electric advertising, which was more than five times the usual rate. You don't suppose the Union Electric Company of Missouri would resort to out-and-out bribery, do you? Or do you?

In the "Rockies" of the U.S.A.

Bequests



Until his death in an automobile accident three weeks ago, 44-year-old Dr. Arthur J. McLean, of Portland, Oregon, was commonly regarded as the most brilliant brain surgeon in the northwest. Some of his friends considered him eccentric; wealthy, he drove an old car and carried his instruments in a battered brief case. Also, Dr. McLean was prematurely aged. Last week his fellow doctors could guess the reason why.

In a Portland court, Dr. McLean's will had been filed for legal approval. From its contents it was fairly evident that, like many gifted persons, Dr. McLean was dissatisfied with himself. It might have been guessed that he was disgusted with patients who did not pay bills, and deeply troubled by members of his profession whose competence did not measure up to their fees.

After willing his \$100,000 estate to his wife, Dr. McLean made these remarkable bequests: "To my name, oblivion . . . To Portland's thieving patients . . . haphazard care . . . To 94 percent of Portland's medical practitioners and their ethics and the whole local organized medical profession, a lusty, rousing belch."—*The Pathfinder*.

A Glimmer of Sanity

♦ A glimmer of sanity occurred at Shelton, Washington, when the school board tumbled to the fact that the flag salute with arm outstretched is a gesture of Fascism, and ordered that the regular military salute be substituted. But why try to make every little kid a potential militarist? Why ape Germany and Italy at all? Why not be liberty-loving Americans as before this salute craze drove the children, the parents, the teachers, the legislators and the citizens nuts?

Earth's Biggest Structure

♦ The Grand Coulee dam, on the Columbia river, upon which 7,000 men are at work, and which will be completed in 1941, is four times the size of the Great Pyramid and will irrigate rich farm lands fifty miles square. The spillway is twice the height of Niagara Falls. The two power houses are each twenty-four stories high, and together can furnish enough power to light most of the United States.

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Rift in the Mormon Lute

♦ Maybe the title of this skit should be "Rift in the Mormon Loot" instead; for it seems some of the Mormon saints are not just satisfied with statements and practices of the head of the church. In a circular bearing the significant title "Temple Block Sold", M. Peterson, Alonzo Cole and Clyde Neilson aver that—

In no sense did the authorities tell the truth when they said, at the April, 1936, Conference, "The [Mormon] Church has not sold or mortgaged any of its property." The official county records plainly show that Heber J. Grant has sold Church properties, and said properties in turn were used by him as pawn for debts incurred by borrowing millions from the Chase National and other banks. (Heber J. Grant nor the apostles are the Church. The Church is the whole congregation. The selling of the properties in question literally amounts to grand embezzlement from the saints.)

The dealings of the Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, according to county records, plainly indicate that this corporation is a commercial corporation which deals in property, mortgages, debts, securities, etc.

If what we say is true, then Heber J. Grant has committed an act of sacrilege. The Tabernacle and the Temple, which at one time were dedicated and presented to the Lord in heaven as gifts to Him from the people, he has sold to a mercenary corporation of his own innovation, and then put these properties belonging to the Lord in pawn to the Chase National Bank, guaranteeing to that institution certain profits which you and I are bled for. The Temple should be returned to the Church and again dedicated to the Lord.

The thing for these poor souls to do is to forsake religion and flee to the Lord, flee to Christianity, which is the exact opposite of all religion, including the Mormon variety.

Three-Hundred-Mile Crack

♦ It is interesting that at the same time that an Idaho farm started to sink toward subterranean regions a mountain in Oregon, three hundred miles away, in the Molalla valley, started to split and at last accounts the rift in the mountain was 100 feet long and 80 feet deep. The presumption may be indulged that the two phenomena are connected by an underground fissure, and if a crack can extend 300 miles, what is to hinder it from spreading until it extends 3,000 miles. In Armageddon, the Scriptures suggest, the earth will be split wide open, to man's utter dismay.



Object Lesson for God's Opposers

THE LORD clearly foretold His purpose to vindicate His name. Many of the news sheets of today, such as the *Daily News* of New York city, fail to realize that by casting aspersions and slander upon Jehovah's witnesses they put themselves squarely in the path of the Executioner of Jehovah, who will act to annihilate all of such ilk.

On June 26, 1939, the *Daily News*, among some seventy-five newspapers in the United States, carried an account of how, the day before, at New York's Madison Square Garden a "riot" had occurred, which they described as a "riot over religion", and claimed that some in the audience became incensed at what the speaker had said regarding the Roman Catholic Church. As a sensational newspaper, they played it up in big headlines, showed pictures of several of the ushers (who are Jehovah's witnesses) being taken to the lockup, charged with felonious assault. They made much sport of Jehovah's name, by endeavoring to cast reflection on His servants. This same procedure would be expected from the Devil's organization and was carried on throughout the whole United States.

This present article is to give some of these newspapers an opportunity to get out of the line of the march of Jehovah's Executioner, Christ Jesus, by clearing up some of their lying accusations. It is to be hoped that some might save their lives, because the Lord says that He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.—Ezekiel 18:23; 33:11.

The cases of the three ushers which were so widely publicized by the newspapers, which ushers had acted at the Madison Square Garden to maintain order, and not to engage in a brawl as the newspapers would lead their readers to believe, finally came before three judges of the Special Sessions Court of the City of New York on the 23d and 24th days of October last. In order that persons of good will might observe that no partiality for the Lord's cause was to be expected it is here stated that two of these justices are members of the foremost religious organization in the world, and the third, who presided, is a Hebrew. Thus we see that to vindicate these ushers before such a judiciary would mean that there was very little doubt in the minds of the members of that court.

Briefly, the facts are these, as presented in this trial:

The three ushers need not be named, except to say that one was described in the *News* as the secretary to the president of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. The other two were assigned as ushers in the Garden.

True to their custom, as has been disclosed in these pages and in the pages of *The Nation*, a part of the technique of those who described



Immersion of Jehovah's witnesses at Los Angeles, California

themselves as "for Father Coughlin" and as "members of the Christian Front" or "Christian Mobilizers", who are definitely associated with the Nazi "Bund" and other totalitarian radicals, and who act specifically under the command of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, has been street fighting. It is not the ordinary type of fighting, where two men become angry and have an altercation and fight, but the custom is that which was introduced in Nazi Germany and especially used in the pogroms or riots against the Jews. The system is to hit somebody or to cry out as though the offender himself had been hurt; to call up a sympathetic policeman and charge the actual victim with assault.

Such is the most villainous sort of bearing

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Trailer camp at Bristol, England

false witness, as denounced in the Bible book of Deuteronomy. In New York city the so-called "Coughlinites", according to circumstantial evidence set forth in many publications, have definitely been using this technique on Jews for several months past. A refinement of the same system was planned for Madison Square Garden. Witnesses at the trial of the three ushers above mentioned plainly presented the facts to the court, that a group of several hundred Coughlinites walked from radio station WMCA, after they had finished picketing that station for refusing to broadcast Coughlin's speeches, and entered the Garden, all seating themselves in the rear top balcony, just behind the speaker's platform.

It was testified (without proving who did it) that at a given signal by the flashing of lights in the Garden, which hundreds of witnesses saw, a concerted disturbance began in this balcony. Besides loud booing, there were shouts of "Heil Hitler" and "We are for Hitler; to hell with everybody that is against him" and "We will kill these Jew-lovers".

Many witnesses testified that this marauding group brought along with them copies of *Social Justice* magazine and shook them in the faces of the ushers, saying, "This is what you will get."

This conspiracy was carried into effect with such precision and planning that the speaker was not heard in the upper rear balcony during the few moments of the actual attempt to disrupt the whole meeting. The whole of this particular section of that vast assembly of some twenty thousand persons was turned into a riot of major proportions, with the marauding group, who plainly identified themselves

as Coughlinites, resisting all peaceable efforts to get them out.

Jehovah's witnesses were not having a political meeting in the Garden. Neither was it an assembly of labor factions. Here was a meeting planned with an international radio hookup, so that the speech was received in London, Australia and other places; and it was a message from Jehovah of hosts. Jehovah's witnesses had a responsibility before the Lord to deliver His Word at this time, that the people might find safety. Their responsibility was to see that this meeting went over, if it meant throwing their bodies into the gap. Much expense, infinite details and work had gone into this great climax of an international convention.

On the part of those who had authority, great concern was felt; for their responsibility was not merely to see that a few thousand people heard a lecture. Their responsibility was to carry out the Lord's purpose, and for any neglect they would answer to Him.

Now let it be borne in mind that the people who came there to break up this meeting might have been deluded by some silver-tongued demagogue or some other type of rabble-rouser, and that they themselves may not have been fully informed as to what they were doing. But the fact remains that they were there setting themselves in the path of Jehovah's onward march, in the way of the present progressive "increase" of His Government, and it was the duty of His servants to act at their full strength, that His message might go forth.

Not all of these facts could, of course, be brought out in the trial in the New York

court, which limits testimony, and its judges are desirous of grinding out case after case, since they have a great volume of cases to try. But it was shown that the ushers who were on trial for "assault" went deliberately into this section where the disturbance broke out, made every effort to remove the disturbers, and when the ushers themselves were attacked by some of these lawless ones they resisted and demeaned themselves like men. The case of the prosecution against the ushers (handled by the district attorney's office) on the complaint of some of this radical group who had been dealt with firmly by the ushers, was a tissue of lies. It was the same old technique again, of whining that they had been hurt, of making a complaint that some one had hit them, when in reality such was an entirely false charge and those only were hurt who had violently and wrongfully attempted to carry out their wicked purpose to break up that peaceful assembly.

Before the judges of the Special Sessions Court all of these facts were plainly brought out, and it was indisputably shown that the complaints of the fanatical disturbers were groundless and their sworn testimony in support thereof was perjured.

Perhaps the most dramatic episode in the affair occurred during the testimony of a man who appeared on behalf of the disturbers. He testified that he had witnessed an assault made by one of the ushers on two people. During his story of the event he located it first as having happened on the top landing, then on the middle landing, and finally somewhere on the bottom steps. Since it had been established, during the course of the trial, that the disturbing group was made up entirely of the Coughlin admirers, this witness was asked whether he was a seller of *Social Justice* magazine. He replied, "I never have sold *Social Justice* in my life." Thereupon defendants' attorney brought forth a photograph of that witness with a copy of *Social Justice* being held by himself above his own head. The witness looked at the picture and admitted that it was a likeness of himself, and then he said, "Yes, one time I was up on Lexington Avenue and a friend of mine was selling *Social Justice* and he wanted to go in and get a cup of coffee, so I held his magazine for him." At this point the court took over the examination of this witness and the assistant district attorney felt like crawling into a hole.

The court asked, "How long was your

friend inside for the cup of coffee?" Answer: "About ten minutes." Then the court continued: "You just stated you had never sold *Social Justice*?" Answer: "I held the magazine up but I didn't sell any."

Court: "Why did you hold it up?"

Witness: "Well, he told me to hold it up."

Court: "If some one asked for a copy would you sell it?"

Witness: "Yes, but I am not selling *Social Justice*."

Then the court returned the picture to him, asking, "Did you say anything while you were holding the magazine?"

Answer: "No."

Court: "Was it a hot day when the picture was taken?"

Answer: "I don't think so."

Court: "Well, why is your mouth open as the picture shows?"

Answer: "Why, I had to say *Social Justice*."

Court: "You mean to say you were hollering '*Social Justice*' and were not selling it?"

Answer: "No."

Court: "Did you ever relieve another friend while he went to get a cup of coffee?"

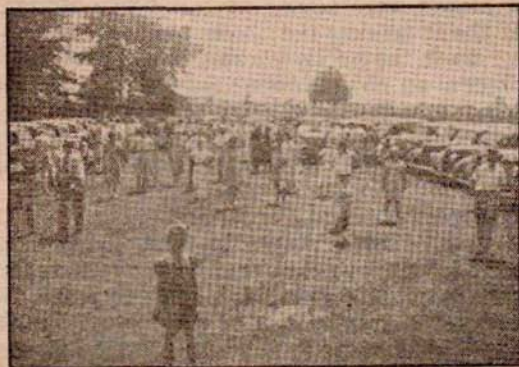
Answer: "About twice."

Court: "What do you mean, 'About twice'?"

Answer: "I am not ashamed to sell *Social Justice*."

Court: "Certainly not; but are you sure you didn't sell *Social Justice* several other times? Suppose these people present another picture of you selling *Social Justice* somewhere else?"

Another witness testified that he had gone to Madison Square Garden on June 25 because he saw it was a free lecture, and that he did not know that Judge Rutherford would speak. When confronted with one of the leaflets advertising the meeting and which showed a picture of the speaker he claimed that it was a sound truck which had interested him in going to the Garden. When confronted with an advertisement which was carried by the sound truck with a likeness thereon of Judge Rutherford, this witness almost curled up. But when another witness not connected with Jehovah's organization said that he had seen this same person up in The Bronx delivering speeches for the "Christian Front", the face of the witness thus described fell. He knew the finger of ignominy was pointed at him as a member of the notorious bunch of gangsters, and that he was thus tied in with the effort to break up the Garden meeting.



Jehovah's warriors, 126 strong, relaxing after the battles of Mansura, Bunkie and Marksville, La.

One not familiar with the procedure in New York courts, or not having an appreciation of the vast number of cases which must be disposed of in those courts, can hardly understand the difficulty of getting in all this testimony in a case of simple assault. Be it said for the judges, that although impatient with defendants' attorney when he plainly showed them why consideration ought to be given to the type of the meeting, and to what plans had been made to provide for the public and assure their safety, those judges consented to listen to the evidence for nearly two days. Indeed, these ushers were in the lions' den, as was Daniel, because this court is one which customarily convicts. But the Lord having promised that He will deliver those who put their trust in Him, and since His name was involved in the great proclamation that issued from Madison Square Garden, the three ushers left the courtroom praising the Lord for having had a part in honoring His name and acting for its vindication. Two of the three ushers were wholly acquitted, and the third one, whose accuser failed to appear in court, was unconditionally dismissed by the court.

Let it be said for the attorneys who handled the case for the ushers that they had a deep concern in discharging their duties and in accomplishing the acquittal of their clients, and they did a skillful and commendable job. But above all, they had received the blessing of the Lord, and for this they should be very grateful. "Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah."

Now, a month since the trial, only one of the seventy-odd newspapers of the United States which blared forth evil and false reports about the Lord's servants has carried an account of



At Montreal Kingdom Hall, answering the question "How many ex-Catholics are in the audience?"
—A 90-percent showing of hands

the acquittal of those who were maligned. These same agencies who think they have a corner on all wisdom will be shocked when called to account by the Lord himself for their wickedness. It will come as a jolt to the "all-knowing" press that their course of action against THE THEOCRACY was foretold by the Lord several thousand years ago and that the period to their history was set to end next following. Perhaps when they learn that the Hierarchy has been kidding them about furnishing fire insurance against the punishment they deserve, these propaganda systems will see the simple truth that it did not pay to lie about the Lord's people at the cost of their own eternal destruction. Perhaps this is too simple for the "arbiters of wisdom" to comprehend.

The point is that the distorted press accounts which defamed Jehovah's witnesses in reality defamed the name of the Most High God. If any such offenders wish to square themselves with the Lord before the catastrophe of Armageddon is upon them, they will do well to clear up their former misstatements. They had best act quickly to disabuse the minds of the readers who were deceived. If they merely made an error they should be glad to make what amends they can and correct through their publications the libelous insinuation that the Lord's organization is one of brawlers. Let the discomfiture of the "Coughlinites" who failed in their vicious attempt to block Jehovah's great proclamation of June 25, and got "busted heads" for their pains, remain as an object lesson to all who oppose the King. The news scribblers who presumed to slander the name of Jehovah would

well take into consideration the sore pates of these deluded fellows. If they do not they will be ground to powder by the onrushing army of Jehovah's invisible hosts led by His Executioner.

The time of those who fight against Jehovah God is becoming shorter and shorter. The Devil and his hordes know that they have but a little while to carry on their wickedness. They strive desperately to turn every person against God. These demons enter into individuals, possess their minds, and force such willing subjects to do their bidding. Even in the courtroom, when the complaining witnesses (Coughlinites) began to see that the case was going against them, several hollered out, "Lies," another emitted a superstitious oath, whereupon they were ejected by the Court attendant. These people were obviously possessed by evil forces.



Jehovah's Kingdom Hall, Glasgow

Now let the responsible parties of the news sheets that take sides with the enemies of Jehovah call to mind that it is plainly stated in His Word that the wicked He will destroy. (Psalm 145:20) Among those wicked are the perjurers and false witnesses. (Proverbs 6:16-19; Deuteronomy 19:16-19) If they wish to do right they can explain to their readers they formerly deceived that Jehovah's witnesses did not provoke a brawl at the Garden, nor did Judge Rutherford make one single aspersion on the Catholic Church which caused the outbreak, but that the whole disturbance was prearranged by conspiracy; and that the action of the ushers was to resist law-breakers and defend the responsibility Jehovah had imposed on them. A Court of two Catholics and a Jew found that Jehovah's

witnesses were acting WITHIN THEIR RIGHTS. If the Press does not choose to clear the matter up in the public interest, it will profitably observe an object lesson: Several individuals whose sore heads and other parts remind them that they received JUSTICE which was not so SOCIAL, as the result of FIGHTING AGAINST GOD.

Nervousness and Protection

◆ A good little woman in Ohio, living in a secluded spot, was attacked by two men on the way home, late at night. Unable to recall, in her nervousness, much of the text of Psalm 91:4, but having in mind the spirit of it, she shouted with all her might, "Feathers and wings, feathers and wings." The men were much surprised, and one said to the other, "Oh, she is crazy; let her go," and home she went, securely trusting in the promise indicated.—Mrs. Carrie Tobias, Ohio.



Immersion scene at Montreal, Quebec

Spokesmen for Two Governments

◆ An Ohio witness heard an admirer of President Roosevelt express his keen appreciation of the great address he had heard "the president" give from Madison Square Garden on the afternoon of June 25, 1939. He thought it eminently fitting that "the president" should publicly take his stand by the Scriptures: that it was the most wonderful lecture he had ever heard in his life. When his attention was drawn to the fact that he had been listening to Judge Rutherford, and not to Mr. Roosevelt, he stated, "I would not have listened if I had known it was that Rutherford fellow, but it was a grand speech even if he did give it."

(To be continued)

Russia

One Night's Torture



Not a person in the world outside of Russia believes that all the men that started the Russian revolution had proved false to its aims and that only Stalin the Murderer had been faithful. One after another the heads of great departments were arrested and, after due preparation, Russian style, came out in court and "confessed" the crimes with which they were charged, and were then butchered like so many sheep. In the latest batch of twenty-one, one man, Nikolai Krestinsky, nine years Russian ambassador to Germany, denied his guilt, but after one more night of torture in Lubianka prison he was ready to die and the next day, in a weak voice, made the expected "confession" which could only be followed by death. Mussolini said, according to *Popolo d'Italia*, Stalin had turned Fascist. He ought to be ashamed of his convert, though it takes a great stretch of the imagination to think of Mussolini as being ashamed of anything. In each of his mass murders, mis-called "trials", Stalin spared two or three, and it was in the hope of being one of the spared ones that all complied with the grotesque demands of the torturers that they "confess" whatever they were supposed to confess.

Russia's Maginot Line

◆ Following the general example of France and Germany, Russia is now building a new Maginot line from the Baltic to the Black Sea. Forests are being removed, populations are being transferred, and transportation arteries, including bridges, are being mined, in anticipation of the day when Hitler proceeds to carry out his idea to seize the Ukraine, with its vast stores of wheat, coal, iron, manganese and other metals and swim in the wealth which he believes awaits him.

Ten Admirals Bumped Off

◆ The Maniac at Moscow continues to carry on his program of eliminating everybody he does not like. Within the past year he caused to be put to death the ten most prominent admirals of the Russian navy, with hosts of other naval men. The official excuse is that the men slain had as their objective a defensive navy, whereas the Soviet wants an offensive one, able to go anywhere and do as it likes.

Moscow to Have Tallest Building

◆ At a cost of \$20,000,000 Moscow is building what it is claimed will be the tallest structure in the world. Details are lacking, but at the base will be two immense auditoriums, one of which will have a dome thirty stories high and will cover two acres. Two acres of seats can be removed by pressing a button. By pressing other buttons a swimming pool, a skating rink, a circus arena, a revolving stage and a moving picture screen can be produced. The entire vast structure, of unknown height, will be surmounted by the largest statue ever sculptured by man, a figure of Lenin. This will make all these other statue builders, that are so eager to chisel out the biggest foolishness, feel like thirty cents in pennies. The Lenin statue will be 300 feet high. Russia is today one of the most highly religious countries on earth. It worships Lenin and Stalin, atheism, and its own belly.

What Did Sergei Do With It?

◆ If, as alleged by the newspapers of Russia, the metropolitan Sergei, acting patriarch and supreme head of the Orthodox church in Russia, expended \$250 a day on champagne, he must have had lots of company, and there may be something to the claim that he was but one of a big flock of priests and nuns dancing and drinking in one of the underground convents that his particular church considered a natural perquisite of their religion.

The World's Best Atlas

◆ George B. Cressey, famous geographer of Syracuse University, claims that the new Soviet atlas, in three volumes, at \$40 per volume, is far and away the best atlas in the world. The sheets have been printed by the offset method, with as many as twenty colors on some maps. The colors are harmonious and the registration perfect. Unfortunately, the language throughout is Russian.

"Assignment in Utopia"

◆ A socialism that offers to fill the bellies of its people but retains the privilege of slitting those bellies at will is reactionary: it cancels out ages of struggle and costly victory in the domain of the human spirit.—Eugene Lyons, in his work, *Assignment in Utopia*—Soviet Russia.

Science

The Secret of Burning Coal



The secret of burning coal economically is to add the fresh fuel in a rather thin layer all over the burning fuel, or, better, to put it on the burning fuel in strips or patches, so that one-half of the burning coal is left exposed and thus the flame remains intact and can burn off the volatile matter given off or distilled off by the fresh fuel when applied.

If you give the furnace too much air, you waste heat up the chimney, because the excess air has to be heated. And if you give the furnace too little air, you waste heat in the fuel residues in the form of unburned carbon in the ash and smoke in the stack. The conclusion is that the furnace should be operated with the correct ratio between coal and air. —*The International Engineer.*

Job Ahead for Jonadabs

◆ Prof. Walter Hallstein, University of Rostock, Germany, figures it out scientifically that the earth will maintain 12,000,000,000 people. To be sure, the Creator could so arrange matters that it would sustain several times that number. The Jonadabs, the faithful people of good will, in fulfilling the divine mandate to "fill the earth", will undoubtedly be able eventually to count their descendants by the thousands. It is the plain intent of the Creator that the vindication of His name, which will take place shortly, at Armageddon, shall be told to these forever and forever.

Makes Glass Invisible

◆ At the General Electric laboratories in Schenectady, Dr. Katherine B. Blodgett, famous scientist, discovered that by dipping glass forty-four times in a new chemical combination a film is produced about four-millionths of an inch thick. This film is just thick enough to counteract all reflected light, with the result that the glass is entirely invisible.

Samples from Seven Miles Down

◆ A tapered steel rope, constructed of the finest quality of steel obtainable, is now used to bring to the surface samples of materials which lie seven miles below the surface of the ocean. It is found that as the waters increase in depth the soils at the ocean bottom become much more concentrated in radium content.

Vitamin A Relieves Eyes, Improves Color Matching

◆ MANSFIELD, Ohio—How Vitamin A can improve color matching efficiency, relieve eye fatigue and improve the general health of certain types of industrial workers is revealed by two eye specialists here.

Observations on a group of inspectors matching colors on a production line convinced the experimenters that the men were not regenerating their "visual purple" fast enough. (Visual purple is a substance in the retina of the eye closely connected with the process of seeing, particularly colors.) Knowing that the body's process of producing visual purple requires the presence of Vitamin A, the doctors prescribed three 10,000-unit capsules of carotene-in-oil daily.

At the end of seven months the specialists reported an increase in the regeneration of visual purple from 50 to 100 percent; more than 75 percent improvement in color matching efficiency, and an appreciable improvement in health, particularly where fatigue, headache and eyestrain formerly were chronic. —*Solvent News.*

Dirty Trick on Rats

◆ Newspapers entitle a story of how a professor drove rats crazy, "Dirty Trick on Rats"; and it seems to be all of that. He fixed up a contrivance by which rats were forced to jump toward one or another of two cards. They finally came to learn that when they jumped to the left the card fell down and they found themselves in peace and safety. Then he switched the cards and when the rat jumped he got his nose bumped and no food at all. After a while he refused to jump at all or even to eat; and his opinion of the scientist is the same as yours. But the scientist got \$1,000 reward for his dirty trick.

Mountings for the Big Telescope

◆ About 100 tons of the mountings for the big telescope at Mount Palomar, California, were shipped by steamer from Philadelphia. The largest single piece was 46 feet long, 10 feet wide and 12 feet high, and weighed 45 tons. The complete telescope structure will weigh about 1,000,000 pounds and be so delicately balanced that a $\frac{1}{2}$ -horsepower motor will operate it.

Protestantism

An Ideal Candidate



Religious seminaries are, as is well known, establishments where young men are taught higher criticism, hypocrisy and all the humbug of religion; in short, incubators producing atheists and dyed-in-the-wool children of the Devil. It is not often, however, that an avowed atheist and infidel suddenly expresses the desire to become a country parson.

In the year 1929 John Middleton Murry, one of the leaders of the "advanced intellectuals" in Great Britain, wrote a book entitled "God", in which he declared that, as far as he was concerned, God did not exist; thus proving himself foolish. (Psalm 53:1) Among other things, his book contained the following remarks: "God does not exist." "There is no place for God in the universe." "There have been moments in my life when I would have given my very soul to have had a God to pray to; when I sought him in loneliness and bitterness and despair. I could not find him then. I do not need him now." "The day of religion is over."

Although he did not realize the fact, the last statement is the only true one.

Murry has now entered a theological college and intends to become a country parson; for, among other mistaken ideas, he thinks it necessary to perpetuate English village life, and to do that it is, according to him, necessary to hold the young people together by means of religion.

His "conversion", he has stated, is due to a hatred of Hitler, and not, as one might expect, to repentance for the blasphemous book of which he is author, and to a desire to serve the Creator, if he has reached the point where he believes in the latter's existence. Probably the theological college will succeed in removing all traces of such a belief if it does exist.

Murry heard Hitler speak on the night after the "purge" of June, 1934, when so many of Hitler's friends and comrades were butchered. In his speech Hitler said, "I only incarnate law and justice," and implied that no trial had been necessary. "I felt just blank despair when I heard that," Murry said in an interview. "You may think me fantastic, but I said to myself: This is what the Bible meant by Anti-Christ. I was immediately forced back to traditional Christian belief, to the Church

of England which I had so belittled. Hitler was responsible for the final stage in my evolution."

If the "Church of England" is hard up for recruits, and it seems that it is, it might do well to get prospective candidates to listen to Hitler and to distribute copies of *Mein Kampf*. On the contrary, the best thing that can be done if the same organization is to lose members is for the people to learn of the Kingdom of Jehovah and to become acquainted with the Bible and literature explaining the Bible.

Without passing judgment on the sincerity of Murry, it is safe to state that if he is honest he will see through the sham and humbug of the Church of England and religion generally. If he is not, he will share the fate of all religionists in Armageddon, when Satan's brood will be destroyed for ever.—J. A. Williams, Lithuania.

Preached on Nephew

◆ The papers do not say that the "Reverend" S. Fraser Langford, pastor of the First Baptist church of Ocean Park, California, preached on a cockfight or a tussle for mastery between a couple of bulldogs. No, it was on nothing unspiritual like that. What he preached on, the Bible having lost interest for him and for his flock because of him, was his own nephew, Douglas Corrigan, aviator, the same young man that allegedly read his compass upside down and so landed in Ireland instead of California. The pews were full of people and the pulpit was full of prunes. The show was worth a couple of shirt buttons.

A Kick from the Butler

◆ In his church paper the "Reverend" Leonard Spiller, of St. Martin's church, West Acton, London, expostulated as follows:

We should be grateful if communicants would take only a tiny sip from the chalice. Three times recently it has been necessary to reconsecrate wine, although plenty of wine was put in the chalice at first. One of the first communicants practically drained the chalice.

Biblical Illiterates

◆ Dr. Charles Arbuckle, professor of homiletics at Andover Newton theological school, declares that the present crop of theological students are Biblical illiterates, with an astonishing lack of Biblical knowledge.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

Contrasts

● One outstanding difference between Nazi totalitarianism and the democratic kind under which Britain is now governed is the liberty of the subject to say what he thinks, and under ordinary circumstances to do as he wishes, always excepting in matters that are treasonable, or openly or suspected as detrimental to the State. He is free to express his criticism openly, and his newspapers have the same liberty. He is not afraid of a spy listening to what he has to say; he is free to turn his radio set to listen to any foreign speaker denounce his country and its politicians, whereas in Germany and under Nazi rule listening in to broadcasts from Britain is not only forbidden but has heavy and drastic punishments for those who are caught listening. This inheritance of a free people is a most treasured possession, and it is not a matter for surprise that there are watchful eyes turned towards any action that even appears as if officialdom were acting aggressively.

Great Efforts and Great Problems

● In its preparations for taking over the concerns and the care of a big family of 45,000,000 persons the Government has taken on an enormously heavy job. In its wisdom, Parliament, all parties agreeing, has given the various tasks to several ministries each of which has authority to make orders which have the force of an act of Parliament itself. Penalties are set for refusal to obey, or for neglect to conform to the orders of these ministries, and the ordinary means of appeal are not available. The ministries got busy, and the whole of the country is flooded with rules and regulations. It must be presumed that the intentions of Parliament are wholly for the good and the welfare of the people, and the same will be granted for those who are responsible for the management of the various ministries; but the urgency of the work and its magnitude have perhaps unavoidably led to some confusion and even to failure. The fish supply of the country was controlled, but either because of management or the inherent

wrongness of the scheme the whole business was thrown into confusion. It does seem that there was something wrong when, as reported, fish caught in English waters, or landed in an English port, was sent to the north of Scotland to be marketed, and then to be sent back to England to be retailed. Billingsgate, London's fish market, was closed: it was subjected to a general evacuation idea, a scheme which "emptied" London of many of the banks' offices, insurance offices, and also government offices, as well as hundreds of thousands of young children. A fish center was set going in some unannounced place in the southern counties; but the scheme was a failure, and Billingsgate is once more itself. Other failures might be noted; but on the other hand there is no possible question that the nation's supplies are being handled to general benefit. Those who are responsible are undoubtedly laboring hard to make the very best service available; but undoubtedly there are many officials clothed with a bit of extra authority and who have not learned to use it for the public good.

Evacuation

● The evacuation of the children from London and most of the large cities and towns was effected with success; but the settling down has brought many problems, some of them difficult. Many of the children and their mothers, transplanted abruptly into conditions of life in country villages, have given much trouble to the local authorities into whose care they were put. Some parents have refused to stay, and some mothers whose children were taken away have gone for them and brought them back. Schooling in the villages, and for those now in the towns, is one of the problems. In the towns the schools are closed, and it is said that in Manchester there are at least 95,000 children who are in the homes and the streets having no schooling. And the fitting in in the homes of the people has brought troubles and sorrows to many. But there is a great advantage to a very large number of children: they are out of the streets and perhaps slums and into the open fresh air of the country, and will without question get the advantage which life in the open gives.

Stories both pathetic and humorous are told. A woman helper, relating some of her experiences, tells how she gave a youngster a shilling, bidding him go to the local grocery for a half pound of butter. The nipper put

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the money on the table, saying, "I shan't need that, lidy: I always lift it for mother, and I'll do it for you." Another tells of putting two young things to bed, but going into the room later to see them, and finding them under the bed. When roused and gotten from under it, they said that at home their father and mother slept in their bed and they slept under it! Others tell of the affection of the children in response to care to which apparently they were not accustomed. The costs of this evacuation have been, and must continue to be very heavy, and certainly if the war should last three years the problem is a great one.

Another evacuation, under compulsion, has brought much discomfort to a class used to comfort and ease, and loss and great inconvenience to those who provided it. Hundreds of large boarding houses and hotels have been commandeered by various Government officers, for the accommodation of staffs, either military or civil servants whose work has been removed from London to places less likely to be bombed when that feature of the war starts in earnest.

For a few weeks after the declaration that a state of war existed the Ministry of Information seemed to be an office for withholding information; but lately, under some pressure, the authorities have allowed some newspaper news of the war activities, both at home and overseas. The people were beginning to show signs of being puzzled to know both what the Government is doing and what its intentions, but now something of the enormous extent of material preparation for a severe and prolonged conflict has been revealed.

All Europe on the Trek

• In Britain children, and their mothers, counted by the million, have been moved and businesses have been transferred from the cities. In the war zones in Germany's western and southern borders whole towns have been cleared of the inhabitants; in the smaller states of central and southeastern Europe hundreds of thousands of persons have been torn arbitrarily from their homes, compelled to seek what they could in a far-away land; in the northeastern Baltic States there is the same upheaval of the peoples; Poland has had its people destroyed or they have fled from their homes, and in far-away Finland there is hasty removal of the people from the cities.

It would be easy to say that all this has come about through the mad ambition of a man who

wants power over his fellows, and who is aided and abetted by a gang of ruthless men who use his ambition for their own selfish ends. There are other reasons. Judge Rutherford, as spokesman for Jehovah's witnesses, has now been heard throughout the world declaring the main fact in the case which lies deeper than the ambitions or disputes of men and nations. He has declared to the whole world that the time is now come which God by His prophets foretold, and of which Jesus spoke: the time when He will bring to pass His purpose to bring the whole earth into judgment, preparatory to the full establishment of His kingdom in the earth. One of the factors in that preparation is the conflict between that wicked spirit, the Devil, and God's King, Jesus, the conflict told of in The Revelation the 12th chapter, and about which, as the immediate effect in the earth, it is said, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth . . . for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Verse 12) By His prophet Zephaniah (chapter three, verse 8), God said that the day would come when He would gather the nations that He might pour out on them His indignation; and Jesus spoke of that day as the time of the world's greatest trouble, and as fulfilling the prophecy which God had spoken by Daniel, a prophet whose visions are utterly refused by the so well "educated" Protestant clergy. For some years the witness to the fact that Jehovah's time is come has been given by the hand of faithful men and women, carrying it from house to house, from village to village, and from city to city, the world over; it has been broadcast through the earth by radio, and by public meetings. But though thousands have heard, and been warned thereby, and have accepted both the word of truth and the obligation to take up the work of witnessing which follows, both the rulers of the people and the people themselves have refused to heed, ignoring the warning given them. Religion and religionists have the chief responsibility for this. The leaders of religion, led by the main body, the Roman Catholic section, have taken active opposition, and have been ruthless in manner of trying to crush both the message and the messengers of Jehovah. In their ignorance of the Scriptures the people have taken religionists at their own estimation of themselves, and have accepted their claim to be the only ones who could understand the Scriptures, and have the

right to say what these shall mean, and to represent God and Christ in the earth.

The people do not understand that in the main the Protestant clergy are unbelievers in the Scriptures, that they use them deceitfully. Those written before the time of Jesus when He was on earth, commonly known as the Old Testament, they put aside, except to make use of its expressions and stories to illustrate some point they wish to emphasize; the Greek Scriptures, the New Testament, as it is familiarly called, they use mainly to support their various dogmas or their forms of church government. The Roman church claims to take the whole of the Scriptures, and claims to have the sole right to say what they mean; it also claims the right to add to them and to give equal authority, writings of uninspired men both before the days of Jesus, and those of the "fathers" of the church of Rome, and thus comes under the condemnation of the words which are almost the last in the Word of God,—"If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life . . ." (see Revelation 22:19). Also the previous verse says, "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."

It is clear that this day of Jehovah's judgment brings into light and into judgment every evil power and work: the Devil, who has deceived the whole world, the religionists and their works which have both deceived men and stood in the way of the truth, and all who have refused to heed the warning, that they might find a place of safety. Why Satan has been allowed to have rule in the earth as the "god of this world", as Paul named him, or "the prince of this world", as Jesus spoke of him, and for so long a time, and how and when that rule comes to an end with the judgment and the vengeance of God against every evil system and on its supporters, and those who willingly allow themselves to be deceived—all these things are fully explained in the literature of Jehovah's witnesses.

Dreams of a Dean

• The dean of Durham cathedral, Dr. C. A. Alington, told his hearers of his desire to be counted among the dreamers who look forward to a federal union of the democratic countries of the world—"all the countries which share Britain's belief in freedom." He

hopes that out of the turmoil of the war and the nations' disputes there may come in Europe a federation of the States from which war and the threat of war shall be banished; a Europe in which a man may freely practice his religion, where he could be sure of justice, where trade should be controlled for the common good, and where the peoples of different races, traditions and opinions could live side by side in friendship. The dean thinks all this is practicable, and says, "All these dreams," whether such as he dreamt or that Europe should form itself into such a federation of States as is seen in the United States of America, "are infinitely less great than the dream of a catholic church which the apostle Paul told to the Ephesians 2,000 years ago." Dr. Alington is a well-educated man, knows what his church stands for, and is liberally minded, and tolerant towards those with whom he differs in theology—the "science" of religion! But when he speaks of what Paul said about the church of God, the church of Jesus Christ, and calls it a dream, he reveals how deeply he is immersed in the darkness of religion. Paul was no dreamer. Taught of the Lord himself, as he so definitely says, at Galatians chapter one, verses 11 and 12, "The gospel which was preached of me is not after man; for I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ," and under the guidance of and instruction of the holy spirit, he knew that the church of Christ would never be a catholic church in the sense that word is used by religionists. The church of Christ never had a great earthly future before it. Born out of the death of Jesus as redeemer, and who was raised out of the dead by the power of God, the church began its work of witnessing on the day it was anointed by the holy spirit, represented in the little company gathered in the upper room, waiting for the power from on high. Those who had been with the Lord had heard him tell of the hatred they should experience from the world as they witnessed the things they had heard of him, and of the things they should be told by him through the spirit. They knew they must ever be a company apart, and must work and wait till He should again return from heaven; they knew that they must endure in faith and hope till that time, and that though they would fall asleep those who followed them in the footsteps of Jesus would find acceptance in that day of the Lord's return, only as they endured to the end. There was no

thought of a great church which should dominate the earth or even permeate its forms of life; but rather that at the end the church of Jesus would be saved only by His intervention. Religionists began to dream of a great place in the earth, and they set about implementing their dreams; and to the extent which history past and present records, they have made a name and a place for themselves in the earth. Neither the dean's dream nor any of those of good men who want to see peace in the earth will ever be realized by what men or churches can do: the only hope (and it is a sure one because spoken by God, the Creator

himself) is the establishment of His kingdom, set up by His own direct action in the earth. After the church of Christ, the faithful witnesses and disciples of Jesus, have done their work, meeting such as the Herods and Pilates as there are in this day, the time will come for the church to be united to the Lord, and then in power with Him fulfill the purposes of God, a royal nation taken out from among men. But the leaders of religion persist in trying to hold up their systems rather than turn in simplicity and humility to the Word of God. Their houses as well as their dreams will fail them.

Natural Phenomena

Curious Lake Ronkonkoma

◆ Lake Ronkonkoma, on Long Island, New York, is about a mile across, with neither inlets nor outlets, but it has a strange disposition. On one occasion, July 22, 1918, the lake fell three feet in three hours, and in two days, early in March, 1939, it rose eight feet. The Indians had a legend that the lake is fed by a river from New England that runs under

Long Island sound; and this may be the true explanation.

The Antarctic Icecap

◆ The Antarctic icecap, seven thousand feet thick and flowing down on all sides to the sea at the rate of 46 yards a year, is so huge that if it were suddenly to melt the excess water would cause a flood almost equal to that of Noah's day.

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